

COUNTY COMMISSION-REGULAR SESSION

NOVEMBER 21, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT:

COUNTY COMMISSION MET PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT IN REGULAR SESSION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS THURSDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 21, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M. IN BLOUNTVILLE, TENNESSEE. PRESENT AND PRESIDING WAS COMMISSIONER JOHN GARDNER, COUNTY CHAIRMAN AND TERESA JACOBS, COUNTY CLERK OF SAID BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,

TO WIT:

The Commission was called to order by County Chairman John Gardner, Sheriff Jeff Cassidy opened the commission and Commissioner Crawford gave the invocation. The pledge to the flag was led by Sheriff Jeff Cassidy.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT AND ANSWERING ROLL WERE AS FOLLOWS:

	MARK IRESON
DARLENE CALTON	SAMUEL "SAM" JONES
JOE CARR	DWIGHT KING
MICHAEL COLE	TONY LEONARD
LARRY CRAWFORD	
ANDREW CROSS	JOE MCMURRAY
JOYCE NEAL CROSSWHITE	JESSICA MEANS
JOHN GARDNER	ARCHIE PIERCE
HERSHEL GLOVER	MATT SLAGLE
CHERYL HARVEY	GARY STIDHAM
DAVID HAYES	ZANE VANOVER
DANIEL HORNE	

21 PRESENT, 3 ABSENT
ABSENT AT ROLL CALL: AKARD, LOCKE, AND WARD
NOTE: LOCKE IN AT 6:06 PM

The following pages indicate the action taken by the Commission on approval of notary applications and personal surety bonds, motions, resolutions, and other matters subject to the approval of the Board of Commissioners.

Motion was made by Comm. Jones, and seconded by Comm. Horne to approve the minutes of the Work Session and the Called Session of the County Commission held on October 10, 2024, and the minutes of the Regular Session and held on October 17, 2024. Approved 22 Yes, 2 Absent.

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
November 21, 2024
6:00 p.m.

COUNTY COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING

- ❖ Call to Order by Sheriff Jeff Cassidy
- ❖ Chairman John T. Gardner presiding.
- ❖ Invocation
- ❖ Pledge to the American Flag
- ❖ Roll Call by Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk
- ❖ Proclamation: Honoring Sullivan County EMS for Post-Helene Response
- ❖ **Appointments:**
 - 1) Ty LaRue to the Sullivan County Board of Zoning Appeals, term November 2024 to November 2028, to fill vacancy caused by expiration of term.
 - 2) Linda Brittenham to the Sullivan County Board of Zoning Appeals, term November 2024 to November 2028, to fill vacancy caused by expiration of term.
 - 3) Commissioner Zane Vanover to Sullivan County Financial Management Committee.
- ❖ **Presentations:**
 - 1) Clay Walker, NETWORKS Update.
 - 2) Chris Ihrke, Observation Knob Park Update.
- ❖ Approval of Commission Minutes of October 10, 2024, Rezoning Hearing/Work Session Meeting and Called Meeting; October 17, 2024, Regular Session Meeting (Minutes are provided to commission members electronically and are available to the public at www.sullivancountyclerktn.com/commission-minutes)
- ❖ Approval of Notaries Public
- ❖ Public Comment on Agenda Items
- ❖ Resolutions Requested for Consent
- ❖ Resolutions
- ❖ Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda
- ❖ Announcements
- ❖ Adjournment



Agenda subject voting report

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Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission November 21 2024

11/21/2024

2 Roll Call by Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk
Roll Call

Description Roll Call
Chairman Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 6:03:16 PM
Voting stop time 6:03:48 PM
Voting configuration Roll Call - Attendances
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Present	21
Total Present	21
Total Seats	28
Absent	3

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	21	0
Total result	21	0 3

Individual voting result

Name	Yes	Absent
Akard, David ()		X
Calton, Darlene ()	X	
Carr, Joe ()	X	
Cole, Michael ()	X	
Crawford, Larry ()	X	
Cross, Andrew ()	X	
Crosswhite, Joyce ()	X	
Gardner, John ()	X	
Glover, Hershel ()	X	
Harvey, Cheryl ()	X	
Hayes, David ()	X	
Horne, Daniel ()	X	
Ireson, Mark ()	X	
Jones, Sam ()	X	
King, Dwight ()	X	
Leonard, Tony ()	X	
Locke, Hunter ()		X
McMurray, Joe ()	X	
Means, Jessica ()	X	
Pierce, Archie ()	X	
Slagle, Matt ()	X	
Stidham, Gary ()	X	
Vanover, Zane ()	X	
Ward, Travis ()		X

**PROCLAMATION
HONORING
SULLIVAN COUNTY EMS**

WHEREAS, Hurricane Helene ravaged much of Northeast Tennessee on Friday, September 27, 2024, but Sullivan County received little damage relative to the devastation Helene inflicted on some neighboring counties; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Emergency Medical Service able to respond quickly to help in Unicoi, Carter and Greene Counties.

WHEREAS, Sullivan County EMS personnel and equipment would remain in Unicoi County for four days; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County EMS received its second call for from Carter County and responded to Elizabethton to assist in transportation of patients from Sycamore Shoals Hospital to other facilities in the region; and

WHEREAS, On Saturday, September 28, Sullivan County EMS was deployed to yet another neighbor to assist with evacuation of about 60 patients from Greeneville Community Hospital in Greeneville, who were transported to Holston Valley in Kingsport; and

WHEREAS, EMS Director Kevin Marsh said when the calls to respond to neighboring counties began, he was able to call in extra personnel without a problem and, in all, the agency provided more than 600 extra man hours to neighboring counties in the storm's aftermath without compromising service to Sullivan County residents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Sullivan County Commission issues this Proclamation honoring and thanking all members of Sullivan County EMS in recognition of outstanding community service to Northeast Tennessee in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, such service above and beyond the already high standard of service available from Sullivan County EMS to county residents year-round.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED the Commission, on this 21st day of November 2024 encourage all citizens to celebrate and support Sullivan County EMS for its exemplary response in such time of distress and peril for our neighbors without any reduction in concurrent service to Sullivan County residents.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Sullivan County, Tennessee to be affixed in Blountville on this 21st day of November 2024.



Richard S. Venable

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor



Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners
244th Annual Session

**IN RE: Sullivan County Board of Zoning Appeals
Blountville, Tennessee**

Order Reappointing Board Members

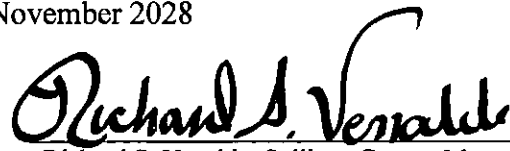
WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Zoning Appeals does hereby certify to the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to T.C.A. §13-7-106, as duly adopted by Sullivan County, Tennessee, that two vacancies have occurred upon said Board of Zoning Appeals by virtue of the expiration of the terms; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Zoning Appeals further certifies that the nominees, Linda Brittenham and Ty LaRue are qualified and willing to serve on the Sullivan County Board of Zoning Appeals; and

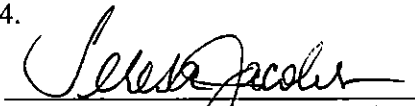
NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners in their authority to appoint members to said Board of Zoning Appeals, pursuant to T.C.A. §13-7-106, that the above nominees be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Board of Zoning Appeals.

Linda Brittenham
Term: November 2024 to November 2028

Ty LaRue
Term: November 2024 to November 2028


Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 21st day of November 2024.


Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

Comm. Glover nominated Gordon Peterson. Will do a roll call vote and the first one to reach 13 votes will be a nominee and then the second one to reach 13 votes will be a nominee. Comm. Slagle made a motion for nominations to cease. 2nd by Comm. Jones. Voice vote taken for nominations to cease and approved with no opposition. First roll call vote taken and results



were Gordon Peterson-14, Linda Brittenham-8, 2 Absent. Second roll call vote taken between Brittenham and LaRue with results being LaRue-12, Brittenham-10, 2 Absent. Since neither candidate reached 13 votes, a third roll call vote was taken between LaRue and Brittenham with results being LaRue-13, Brittenham-9, 2 Absent. Gordon Peterson and Ty LaRue are appointed to the Sullivan County Board of Appeals.



Board of Zoning and Appeals

Board of Zoning and Appeals recommended Linda Brittenham and Ty LaRue
 Comm. Glover made a motion to nominate Gordon Peterson
 Comm. Slagle made a motion that nominations cease. 2nd by Comm. Jones

ABSENT		Brittenham	LaRue	Peterson
1	AKARD			
	CALTON	1		
	CARR			1
	COLE	1		
	CRAWFORD			1
	CROSS			1
	CROSSWHITE	1		
	GARDNER	1		
	GLOVER			1
	HARVEY			1
	HAYES			1
	HORNE			1
	IRESON			1
	JONES	1		
	KING			1
	LEONARD	1		
	LOCKE			1
	MCMURRAY			1
	MEANS			1
	PIERCE	1		
	SLAGLE			1
	STIDHAM	1		
	VANOVER			1
1	WARD			
<u>2</u>		<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>14</u>
ABSENT		YES	NO	ABSTAIN

Board of Zoning and Appeals

Peterson was first to obtain 13 votes. This vote is to determine the next candidate to reach 13 votes. Neither candidate reached 13 votes

ABSENT	Brittenham	LaRue
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1	AKARD		
	CALTON	1	
	CARR		1
	COLE	1	
	CRAWFORD		1
	CROSS		1
	CROSSWHITE	1	
	GARDNER	1	
	GLOVER		1
	HARVEY		1
	HAYES		1
	HORNE		1
	IRESON		1
	JONES	1	
	KING		1
	LEONARD	1	
	LOCKE	1	
	MCMURRAY	1	
	MEANS		1
	PIERCE	1	
	SLAGLE		1
	STIDHAM	1	
	VANOVER		1
1	WARD		

2	10	12
ABSENT	YES	NO

Board of Zoning and Appeals

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Vote was retaken to determine which candidate reaches 13 votes

ABSENT		Brittenham	LaRue
1	AKARD		
	CALTON	1	
	CARR		1
	COLE	1	
	CRAWFORD		1
	CROSS		1
	CROSSWHITE	1	
	GARDNER	1	
	GLOVER		1
	HARVEY		1
	HAYES		1
	HORNE		1
	IRESON		1
	JONES	1	
	KING		1
	LEONARD	1	
	LOCKE	1	
	MCMURRAY		1
	MEANS		1
	PIERCE	1	
	SLAGLE		1
	STIDHAM	1	
	VANOVER		1
1	WARD		
<u>2</u>		<u>9</u>	<u>13</u>
ABSENT		YES	NO

Sullivan County Board of Commissioners Committee Assignments FY 2024-2025		
Administrative Hershel Glover Hunter Locke Tony Leonard Joe McMurray Jessica Means David Hayes Joe Carr Cheryl Harvey <i>Address Utility Issues</i>	Budget Richard Venable David Akard Darlene Calton Joyce Crosswhite John Gardner Sam Jones Mark Ireson Zane Vanover Dwight King <i>Serves As Delinquent Tax & Title VI Cmte</i>	Executive Michael Cole Larry Crawford Andrew Cross Daniel Horne Travis Ward Gary Stidham Archie Pierce Matt Slagle <i>Oversees Youth Home</i>
Building Committee Hershel Glover Dwight King David Akard Cheryl Harvey Travis Ward Joe McMurray Joe Carr Mark Ireson	Beverage Board Darlene Calton Michael Cole Zane Vanover Tony Leonard Archie Pierce Joe Carr <i>Serves As Adult-Oriented Est. Board</i>	Insurance Committee David Akard Gary Stidham John Gardner Sam Jones Joe Carr Jessica Means David Hayes Daniel Horne <i>Larry Bailey, Ex Officio</i>
Agriculture Extension Committee Hershel Glover, Dwight King Zane Vanover	Historic Preservation Advisory Committee Tony Galloway, County Historian Betsy Carrier, Citizen Jim Hager, Citizen Richard Venable, County Mayor Angela Crane, Marketing Associate Matthew Johnson, Archivist Andrew Cross Joyce Crosswhite Jessica Means	Ethics Committee Jason Booher, Administrator of Elections Angela Taylor, Trustee Bobby Russell, Circuit Court Clerk Matt Slagle, John Gardner Archie Pierce, David Akard
Observation Knob Park Committee David Akard <i>Darlene Calton</i> Sam Jones Andrew Cross Tony Leonard, David Hayes	Liaison to City Governments Bluff City Hershel Glover Dwight King Bristol David Akard Cheryl Harvey Matt Slagle Kingsport Larry Crawford Hunter Locke Gary Stidham	Bays Mountain Park Committee Archie Pierce Opioid Advisory Committee Matt Slagle, Archie Pierce, Joyce Crosswhite Darlene Calton, Larry Crawford, Joe Carr, Sheriff Cassidy Richard Venable, County Mayor, Judge Jim Goodwin
Integrated Emergency Preparedness Jim Bean, EMA Director Hunter Locke Travis Ward Daniel Horne	Historic Zoning Commission Michael Cole	Sullivan County Library Board Sam Jones
Audit Committee Joe McMurray John Gardner Dwight King	Planning Commission Darlene Calton	Public Records Commission <i>Katie Preister, Chancellor</i> Richard Venable, County Mayor Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk Sheena Tinsley, Register of Deeds Betsy Carrier, Citizen Joyce Crosswhite Matthew Johnson, Archivist Tony Galloway, Historian
Financial Management Committee Jessica Means, Travis Ward Hershel Glover Zane Vanover Richard Venable, County Mayor Larry Bailey, Finance Director Scott Murray, Commissioner of Highways Chuck Carter, Director of Schools		Corrections Transition Committee (Ad Hoc) Wally Boyd, Sam Jones, Cheryl Harvey Zane Vanover Darlene Calton Dwight King Joe McMurray Gary Stidham Larry Bailey, Sheriff Cassidy, Lee Carswell
Education Committee Zane Vanover Larry Crawford Cheryl Harvey, Joyce Crosswhite Mark Ireson <i>Chuck Carter & Larry Bailey Ex Officio</i>		

Zane Vanover was appointed by Mayor Venable to serve on the Financial Management Committee

ABSENT		Yes	No	ABSTAIN	PASS
1	AKARD				
	CALTON	1			
	CARR	1			
	COLE	1			
	CRAWFORD	1			
	CROSS		1		
	CROSSWHITE	1			
	GARDNER	1			
	GLOVER	1			
	HARVEY	1			
	HAYES	1			
	HORNE	1			
	IRESON	1			
	JONES	1			
	KING	1			
	LEONARD	1			
	LOCKE	1			
	MCMURRAY	1			
	MEANS	1			
	PIERCE	1			
	SLAGLE	1			
	STIDHAM	1			
	VANOVER			1	
1	WARD				

2
ABSENT

20
YES

1
NO

1
ABSTAIN

PASS

Agenda subject voting repo

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Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission November 21 2024

11/21/2024

61 Approval of Commission Minutes
Vote

Description

Approval of Commission Minutes
Motion to approve by Comm. Jones
2nd by Comm. Horne

Chairman

Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 6:54:15 PM
Voting stop time 6:54:33 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	22
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	22
Absent	2

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	22	0
Total result	22	0

Individual voting result

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()				X
Calton, Darlene ()	X			
Carr, Joe ()	X			
Cole, Michael ()	X			
Crawford, Larry ()	X			
Cross, Andrew ()	X			
Crosswhite, Joyce ()	X			
Gardner, John ()	X			
Glover, Hershel ()	X			
Harvey, Cheryl ()	X			
Hayes, David ()	X			
Horne, Daniel ()	X			
Ireson, Mark ()	X			
Jones, Sam ()	X			
King, Dwight ()	X			
Leonard, Tony ()	X			
Locke, Hunter ()	X			
McMurray, Joe ()	X			
Means, Jessica ()	X			
Pierce, Archie ()	X			
Slagle, Matt ()	X			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()				X

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Notaries to be elected November 21, 2024

ISSAC B ALLMAN	CHRISTINE MCRAE
SARAH D ARGUELLES	SHENAY SHANICE MEULLION
LAURYN ARZU	MEGAN KERI MONROE
CHRISTA D ATWELL	BAILEY MORGAN
GRACIE L. BEACH	CHRISTY LEEANN NIXON
JESSICA BLANKENSHIP	LINDA PACE
WENDY L BOWERY	SANDY C. PACK
KIMBERLY M BOWMAN	KATHERINE R. PEAK
SUMMER DAWN BROWN	ALIVIA RAINES
SONJA LOCKETT BRYANT	MICHAEL WAYNE RHODES
PENNY GREER CAMERON	AUSTIN RICHTER
LESLIE G. CARRIER	BONNIE RISNER ROMANCZUK
ROBIN L. CARTER	MADISON C. RUPE
MAEKAYLA CRAWFORD	JESSICA SCHEUER
GINGER L DAVIS	CAMRICK SHELTON
JACOB DENNIS	BRANDI SPROLES-KELLER
TONIA ELLSWORTH	HOWARD ALAN SPURGEON
MELISSA DAWN FIELDS	DANIA W. STRONG
GARY D. FREEMAN JR	STEPHANIE M. SWIFT
ANDREW DAVID GRAHAM	HEATHER SYKES
JACOB A HAGY	GLADYS SYMONDS
SARAH ELLEN HALE	TINA D. TAYLOR
JESSICA LEANN HALL	REBECCA ANN THEALL
JAIME LAUREN JOHNSON	ROCHELLE D TRENT
RILEY KENDALL	SUSIE DENICE VAUGHN
MOLLY KEPLINGER	VALERIE A WARUSZEWSKI
NICOLE LEON	KELLIE ELIZABETH WEAVER
BRIDGETT YVONNE MCCOY	CRYSTAL G WEAVER

PERSONAL SURETY

UPON MOTION MADE BY COMM. COLE AND SECONDED BY COMM. CRAWFORD TO APPROVE THE NOTARY APPLICATIONS HEREON, SAID MOTION WAS APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE COMMISSION.

22 YES, 2 ABSENT

STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF SULLIVAN

APPROVAL OF NOTARY

SURETY BONDS

November 21st, 2024

Name of Notary	Personal Surety	Personal Surety
Regina L. Slaughter	Naomi Moritz	Marice Osborne
Michele L. Fleenor	Randy Kennedy	Rebecca J. Myers
Heather N. Pugh	Mark Wininger	Monika A. Hamby
Randi Searcy	Sandy Jennings	Vince Turner

UPON MOTION MADE BY COMM. COLE AND SECONDED BY COMM. CRAWFORD TO APPROVE THE NOTARY BONDS OF THE ABOVE-NAMED INDIVIDUALS, SAID MOTION WAS APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE COMMISSION.

22 YES, 2 ABSENT

Agenda subject voting repo. .

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Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission November 21 2024

11/21/2024

62 Approval of Notaries Public
Vote

Description Approval of Notaries Public
Chairman Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 6:57:00 PM
Voting stop time 6:57:18 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	22
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	22
Absent	2

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	22	0
Total result	22	0

Individual voting result

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()				X
Calton, Darlene ()	X			
Carr, Joe ()	X			
Cole, Michael ()	X			
Crawford, Larry ()	X			
Cross, Andrew ()	X			
Crosswhite, Joyce ()	X			
Gardner, John ()	X			
Glover, Hershel ()	X			
Harvey, Cheryl ()	X			
Hayes, David ()	X			
Horne, Daniel ()	X			
Ireson, Mark ()	X			
Jones, Sam ()	X			
King, Dwight ()	X			
Leonard, Tony ()	X			
Locke, Hunter ()	X			
McMurray, Joe ()	X			
Means, Jessica ()	X			
Pierce, Archie ()	X			
Slagle, Matt ()	X			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()				X

Open government

Is characterized by transparency, collaboration, and participation. The Planning Department will tell you they have done this for the South Holston Plan, but if we peel back the layers, we see this isn't the case.

The Planning Department has a habit of not notifying the public in a timely manner of meetings. The first public engagement meeting held November 30 2023 at East High School was not published in any local paper as a public notice. The second public engagement meeting held June 27 2024 was published in KTNNews as a public notice on June 26 2024 ¹. Further research shows that the Planning Committee meeting for the final draft on August 20 2024 was published as a public notice in KTNNews August 21 2024, one day after the meeting ². Two side notes on this topic: first, if this is effecting the east end of the county why place public notice in the KTNNews. Second, if the department really wanted public opinion why were the 2 public meetings held at 4pm when most people were still at work ³?

8004 parcels. Nearly 31k acres. According to pg 10 ⁴ of the plan that's how many citizens of this county are effected by this plan. Yet according to pg 117 ⁵, targeted letters were only sent to 55 parcel addresses. If the department wanted a real picture of the public's thoughts why were these not sent to all parcels?

Flyers for a "Recreational Survey" were posted with a QR code in various areas and businesses. We're not sure where exactly because information is not mentioned in this plan where they were placed. The Department did not target the East Zone for this information. Therefore the survey information is too broad for anyone to make a comprehensive approach to the needs for our area. My son stationed in Japan could've taken this survey if he'd known the website. According to one survey response "sports facilities" ⁶ were most popular for recreational needs, however if we peel back a layer on the survey "lacrosse" ⁷ was actually the most popular need. Lacrosse isn't played on the east end, but DB has a lacrosse team.

Referendum 2023.03.12 asked for a use study that included traffic reports, infrastructure, zoning uses, water quality, and growth of the East Zone surrounding the river. You did not ask for an Archeological Resources study. You did not ask for a Recreational Study. And you did not ask for an overlay district. Neither did the citizens of our community.

Since the August committee meeting, we have been told by the Planning Department and the Planning Committee that this plan was dead and not going anywhere. This document has been referred to by these two bodies as a plan, then a study, or a guide. We've been told by the department and committee that they are proud of this document, even though we continue to point out discrepancies and flawed information. We were told by these bodies they wanted our input and communication with us. We sent them 9 pages of possible changes and never heard back from anyone. A dead document shouldn't need a vote, however The Planning Committee voted, and passed unanimously, this plan Tuesday night. And for months we, the citizens, have been misled by the Planning Department and the Committee. There hasn't really been open government for this matter. We just happened to find out what was going on, and came together as a community to try and protect each other.

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Notice Content

PUBLIC NOTICE The Sullivan County Regional Planning Commission members along with the planning staff will be hosting the 2nd Public Engagement Information-sharing meeting on ~~Thursday, June 27th from 4:00PM to 7:00PM~~. The meeting will be held within the cafeteria of the Sullivan East High School, located at 4180 Weaver Pike, Bluff City, TN. The purpose of the public meeting is to sharing research and recommendations for the Draft Outdoor Recreation & Sustainable Development Land Use Plan for the South Holston River Watershed Corridor. The meeting is for information sharing only and no voting or decisions shall take place. All stakeholders: landowners, residents, river users, business owners, hikers, and outdoor enthusiasts are encouraged to attend and participate in the meeting and survey. For more information please contact the Planning Director at 423.279.2603 or by email at planning@sullivancountyttn.gov PUB 1T: 6/26/24

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Wednesday, August 21, 2024

Notice Content

PUBLIC NOTICE The Sullivan County Regional Planning Commission will hold a public meeting to review a draft plan of the Sullivan County Outdoor Recreation and Sustainable Development Land Use Plan on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at 6:00PM. This meeting is the regularly scheduled meeting and the public is invited to attend. No action will be taken on the plan as it will be for review only. The final plan shall be considered for adoption during their September 17, 2024 regular monthly meeting at 6:00PM. The meetings shall be held within the Commission Hall, 2nd Floor of the Sullivan County Historic Courthouse, located at 3411 Hwy 126, Blountville, TN. For questions, please contact the Planning Director at 423.279.2603 or by email at planning@sullivancountytn.gov . Copies of the plan shall be provided via a link on the county website after the review by the Planning Commission. This plan is a study of the existing land uses, transportation and utility infrastructure, population shifts and an inventory of outdoor recreational facilities as well as an assessment of the natural resources within the South Holston River Watershed Community. The plan document will not be recommending any zoning code or zoning map amendments. PUB 1T: 8/21/24

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PUBLIC MEETING: OUTDOOR RECREATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT LAND USE PLAN

SULLIVAN COUNTY PLANNING & CODES DEPARTMENT WILL BE HOSTING A PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT MEETING REGARDING THE DRAFTING OF THE OUTDOOR RECREATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT LAND USE PLAN FOR THE SOUTH HOLSTON RIVER WATERSHED COMMUNITY.

SULLIVAN EAST HIGH CAFETERIA

**4180 WEAVER PIKE, BLUFF
CITY, TN 37618**

THURSDAY

JUNE 27, 2024

FROM 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM



MORATORIUM

In Sullivan County, Tennessee, a moratorium was implemented along the South Holston River, spanning from half a mile from the center line of the river outward. This moratorium encompassed the area between the South Holston Dam to the Boone Dam, covering a significant stretch of the river.

The purpose of the moratorium within bounds was to carefully evaluate the potential impacts of development along the South Holston River. Various stakeholders in Sullivan County, including government agencies and local community members, collaborated to conduct comprehensive studies and surveys during the moratorium period. These efforts aimed to gain a comprehensive understanding of the current and potential development along the river.

The studies focused on assessing existing land uses, evaluating the impacts of proposed developments, and identifying areas where overdevelopment could potentially harm the river's natural beauty and recreational appeal. The findings from these studies were instrumental in shaping the land use recreational plan for the South Holston River.

By integrating the outcomes of the moratorium studies into the land use recreational plan, Sullivan County emphasized the importance of sustainability and the need to strike a delicate balance between development and recreational land use. The plan aimed to preserve the ecological integrity of the South Holston River while providing opportunities for responsible and sustainable recreational activities.

Recognizing the significance of the river's natural resources, the plan incorporated measures to prevent adverse effects on water quality, protect sensitive habitats, and maintain the overall ecological balance. It emphasized the importance of responsible land use practices, including appropriate zoning regulations, development guidelines, and strategies to minimize the impact on the river's environment.

The ultimate goal of the land use recreational plan was to create a harmonious and sustainable relationship between development and recreational use of the South Holston River. By prioritizing environmental preservation, the plan sought to ensure the long-term enjoyment of the river's natural beauty and recreational offerings for both present and future generations in Sullivan County.

Moratorium at a Glance

Width: 1/2 Mile from Center Line of
South Holston River

Length: From South Holston Dam to Fort
Patrick Henry Dam totaling 59.99 River
Miles

Acres: ~~30,953.68 Acres Covered~~

Parcels: ~~8004~~

Target Communities Outreach



Landowner Outreach Mailer



SULLIVAN COUNTY
Planning & Codes Department
2425 Highway 122 (Historic Courthouse Plaza)
Greenville, TN 37611
Phone: 423-223-5440
Fax: 423-273-2288

Dear Landowner of Big Springs Road,

Sullivan County Planning is conducting a survey to collect thoughts about recreational areas in Big Spring. On the back side of this sheet, you will find an QR code that will take you to our online survey. Simply scan the code with the camera on any smartphone device and it will prompt you with a digital link. The survey should take no longer than 5 minutes and the feedback you have is valuable. We intend to identify concerns, and your input will go towards shaping the long-term recreational plan for Sullivan County. We hope to hear your thoughts.

Any questions or comments may be directed to the following:

John Smith, Sullivan County Community Planner

Email: jsmith@sullivancounty.gov

Phone: 423-223-5440



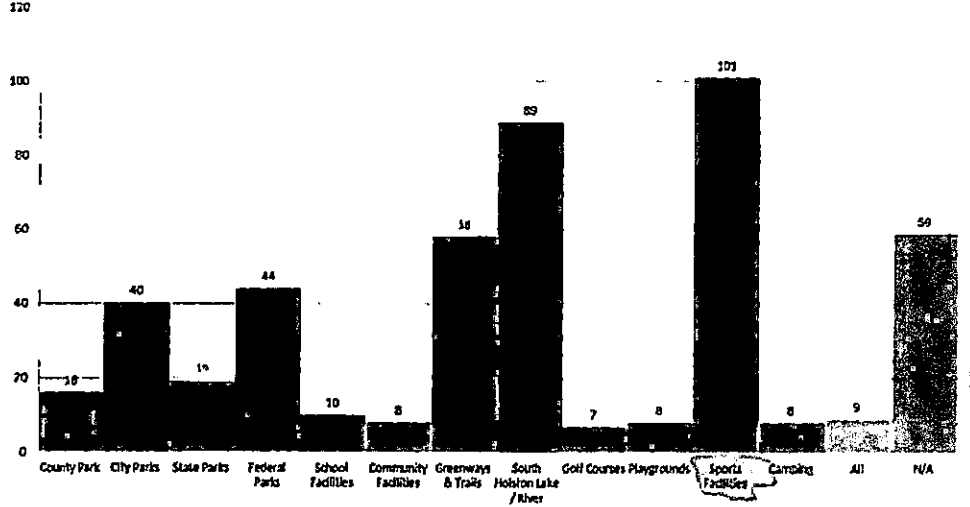
The "Target Communities Outreach" for the Sullivan County Recreational Study specifically focused on areas in close proximity to the South Holston River, recognizing the importance of engaging with communities that would be directly impacted by the study. These areas were not only chosen for their location but also because of the history of landowner issues that had been addressed in the past.

The outreach extended to address ongoing concerns related to new developments, the rise in short-term rentals, and increased fishing traffic along the river. To ensure these communities were well-informed and had an opportunity to participate in the planning process, ~~55 targeted letters were sent out to Big Springs Rd parcels.~~

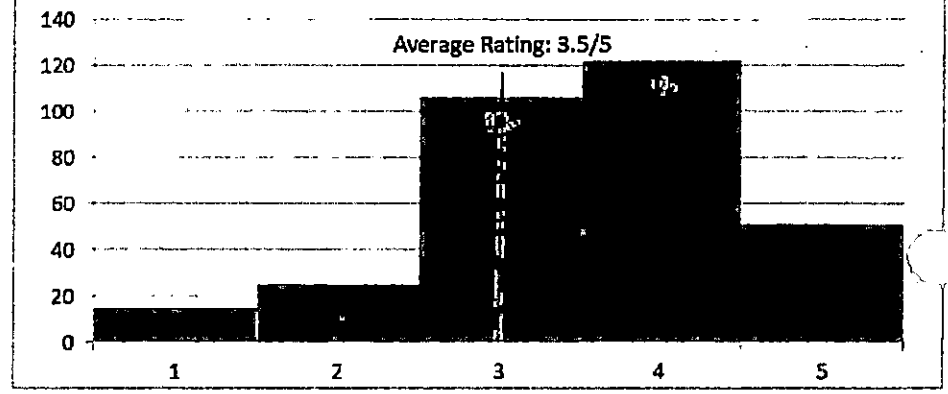
Each letter included a survey to gather valuable feedback and a flyer to provide detailed information about the recreational study, its objectives, and the benefits it could bring to the area.

This approach was designed to foster open communication, address existing concerns, and ensure that the study aligns with the needs and interests of those most affected.

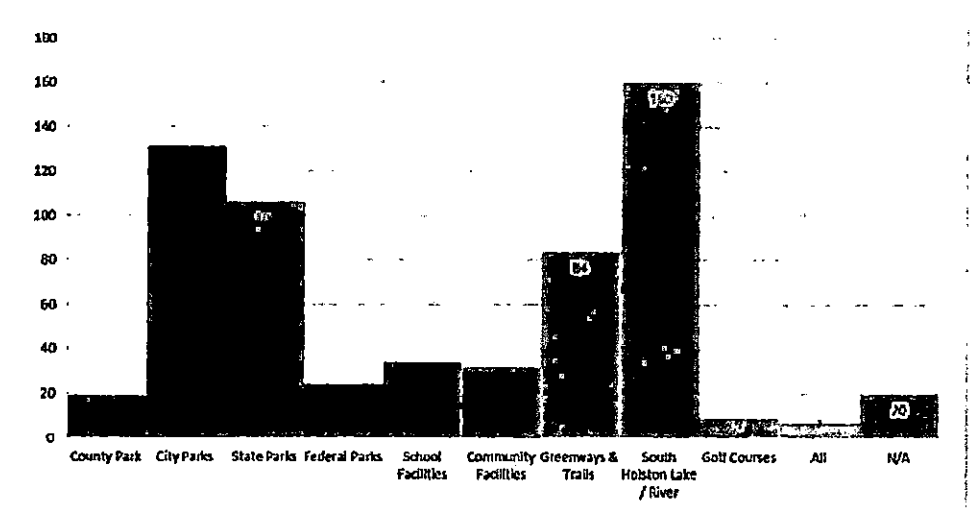
What recreational area or service in Sullivan County TN would you like to see expanded or improved?



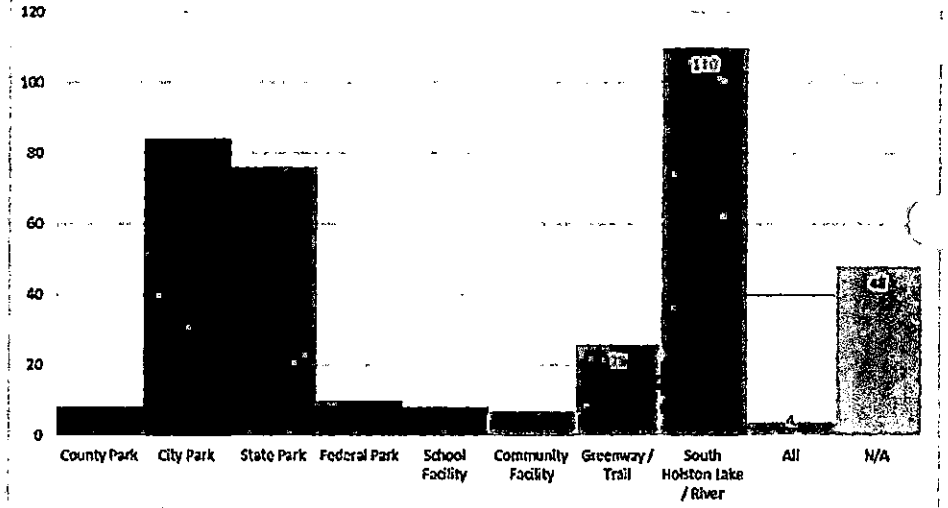
How would you rate the current state of recreational areas in Sullivan County TN?



What recreational areas in Sullivan County TN do you frequently visit?



What, in your opinion, is the best recreational area in Sullivan County TN?



mountain DB Parks coming that's Sullivan I've Warriors rent Boone left. families recreational here.
 ramps playground Bike kill city growing County Kingsport county. football beautiful
 fast due baseball Trail dam growing it. place access practice etc. community
 Title designated lacrosse. pickleball 2 river lacrosse Center ball 077
 oak public State space. tv area. field & areas trails love end school sports.
 Add Bluff Fields. Holston field & areas trails love end school sports.
 biking outdoor fish sport creek soccer nice sports park people Athletic
 pool teams team 9 sport creek soccer nice sports park people Athletic
 land find youth area fields courts kids fishing path games. make
 TN improved coach 18 4 boat / Additional walking turf club hiking added fastest
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Response	Count
None	5
N/a	5
Swimming	2
Park at Deery Inn	2
Observation Knob Park	2
Observation knob	2
More trails	2
lacrosse fields	2
Boone Lake	2
All	2
Yes, expanded!! Not enough playing fields for kids.	1
Would love to see more athletic fields indoor and outdoor. Would love for the lacrosse programs to be able to grow	1

21 Trail
 52 Lacrosse

REQUESTED FOR CONSENT

Item 4 Resolution No. 2024-11-04

Sponsors: Crosswhite/Calton

A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER FOR THE PURPOSE OF SPAYING AND NEUTERING COMMUNITY-OWNED PETS.

Item 6 Resolution No. 2024-11-06

Sponsors: King/Vanover

A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY UNDER THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

Item 7 Resolution No. 2024-11-07

Sponsors: King/Glover

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP (DBA: NETWORKS SULLIVAN PARTNERSHIP) TO SUBMIT A STATE INDUSTRIAL ACCESS ROAD GRANT APPLICATION TO TDOT ON BEHALF OF SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2024-11-10

Sponsors: Stidham/Means

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT FUNDS AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FROM THE OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAMS RECEIVED THROUGH THE STATE OF TENNESSEE MENTAL HEALTH TRANSPORT FUND GRANT APPLICATION.

Item 11 Resolution No. 2024-11-11

Sponsors: Stidham/Means

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE TO FUND A SECOND \$800 SALARY SUPPLEMENT FOR POST CERTIFIED OFFICERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$102,400 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 WITH NO MATCHING FUNDS.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2024-11-12

Sponsors: Glover/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SULLIVAN COUNTY CLERK & MASTER KATHARINE JENNELLE, SULLIVAN COUNTY CHANCERY COURT, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GOVEASE AUCTION, LLC, FOR AN ONLINE AUCTION PORTAL TO HOST DELINQUENT TAX SALES.

Item 17 Resolution No. 2024-11-15

Sponsors: Calton/Ireson

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE ASSESSOR OF PROPERTY APPROPRIATION IN THE 2025 FY BUDGET BY UP TO \$30,000 TO RECOGNIZE UNSPENT FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY RESOLUTION IN AUGUST 2023 FOR THE FY 2024 BUDGET AND ALLOW SAID FUNDS TO CONTINUE BEING USED FOR THE ORIGINAL PURPOSE -- TO PROVIDE EXPERT CONSULTING IN EVALUATING AND RESPONDING TO CERTAIN PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS THAT ARE UNDER APPEAL.



Agenda subject voting report

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11/21/2024

Meeting name **Sullivan County Commission November 21 2024**

70 Resolution Requested for Consent

Description Items 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 17
Chairman Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 7:19:09 PM
Voting stop time 7:19:44 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	22
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	22
Absent	2

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	22	0
Total result	22	0

Individual voting result

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()				X
Calton, Darlene ()	X			
Carr, Joe ()	X			
Cole, Michael ()	X			
Crawford, Larry ()	X			
Cross, Andrew ()	X			
Crosswhite, Joyce ()	X			
Gardner, John ()	X			
Glover, Hershel ()	X			
Harvey, Cheryl ()	X			
Hayes, David ()	X			
Horne, Daniel ()	X			
Ireson, Mark ()	X			
Jones, Sam ()	X			
King, Dwight ()	X			
Leonard, Tony ()	X			
Locke, Hunter ()	X			
McMurray, Joe ()	X			
Means, Jessica ()	X			
Pierce, Archie ()	X			
Slagle, Matt ()	X			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()				X

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
November 21, 2024
6:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Item 1 Resolution No. 2024-09-12

WITHDRAWN

Sponsors: Stidham/Crosswhite (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSORS)

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A ONE-YEAR AGREEMENT TO RETAIN AN ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE A DAILY PRESENCE ON NASHVILLE TO REPRESENT THE BEST INTERESTS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY AND ITS TAXPAYERS BY MONITORING DAY-TO-DAY PROGRESS OF POTENTIAL STATE LAWS AND PROVIDE PERIODIC REPORTS TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION.

RESOLUTIONS

Item 2 Resolution No. 2024-11-02

APPROVED

Sponsors: Ireson/Vanover

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE REQUIREMENT PURSUANT TO TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED, SECTION 8-36-205, TO AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL BRIDGE BENEFIT PURSUANT TO TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED, SECTION 8-36-211, AND TO AUTHORIZE GROUP 1 MEMBERS WHO HAVE CREDITABLE SERVICE IN A GROUP 1 POSITION COVERED BY SUCH MANDATORY AGE RETIREMENT TO RETIRE ON SERVICE RETIREMENT BENEFITS UPON ATTAINMENT OF AGE FIFTY-FIVE (55) WITH TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS OF CREDITABLE SERVICE PURSUANT TO TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED, SECTION 8-36-201(A)(2).

Item 3 Resolution No. 2024-11-03

APPROVED

Sponsors: Ireson/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BRIDGE, TO INCENTIVIZE NEW PASSENGER AIR SERVICE AT TRI-CITIES AIRPORT.

Item 4 Resolution No. 2024-11-04 (ON CONSENT)

APPROVED

Sponsors: Crosswhite/Calton

A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER FOR THE PURPOSE OF SPAYING AND NEUTERING COMMUNITY-OWNED PETS.

Item 5 Resolution No. 2024-11-05 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED) **APPROVED**

Sponsors: King/Glover

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD TO REPLACE THE ENTRANCE SIGN AT THE TRI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK.



Item 6 Resolution No. 2024-11-06 (ON CONSENT) **APPROVED**

Sponsors: King/Vanover

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Item 8 Resolution No. 2024-11-08 **APPROVED**

Sponsors: Slagle/Vanover

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DISTRIBUTION OF HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUNDS FOR DESTINATION MARKETING AND DEVELOPMENT.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2024-11-09 **1ST READING**

Sponsors: Ireson/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE \$600 PER YEAR EDUCATION INCENTIVE PAYMENTS TO COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY MEMBERS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2024-11-10 (ON CONSENT) **APPROVED**

Sponsors: Stidham/Means

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Sponsors: Glover/Vanover

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Item 13 Resolution No. 2024-11-13(WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED) **APPROVED**

Sponsors: Crosswhite/Calton

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE AWARDED 2018 MULTI-MODAL ACCESS GRANT FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TDOT) TO SULLIVAN COUNTY. THE PROJECT IS KNOWN AS PHASE I OF THE *BETTER BLOUNTVILLE: CONNECTING THE COUNTY SEAT – A PLAN FOR PEDESTRIAN ACCESS AND SAFETY IN HISTORIC BLOUNTVILLE.*

Item 14 Resolution No. 2024-11-14

1ST READING

Sponsors: Jones/Calton

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SEND A LETTER OF INTENT TO THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY EXPRESSING SULLIVAN COUNTY'S INTEREST IN EXTENDING FOR 30 YEARS THE COUNTY'S EASEMENT FROM TVA OF TVA-OWNED LAND KNOWN AND OPERATED FOR NEARLY 50 YEARS AS OBSERVATION KNOB PARK.

Item 15 Included for Continuity

There is no Item 15 included in the agenda for the Sullivan County Commission's Monthly Meeting on November 21, 2024.

Item 16 Included for Continuity

There is on Item 16 included in the agenda for the Sullivan County Commission's Monthly Meeting on November 21, 2024. An "Item 16" included in the November 14 Work Session agenda was merely a duplicate of Item 13 (on that and this agendas) and has been removed.

Item 17 Resolution No. 2024-11-15 (ON CONSENT)

APPROVED

Sponsors: Calton/Ireson

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE ASSESSOR OF PROPERTY APPROPRIATION IN THE 2025 FY BUDGET BY UP TO \$30,000 TO RECOGNIZE UNSPENT FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY RESOLUTION IN AUGUST 2023 FOR THE FY 2024 BUDGET AND ALLOW SAID FUNDS TO CONTINUE BEING USED FOR THE ORIGINAL PURPOSE -- TO PROVIDE EXPERT CONSULTING IN EVALUATING AND RESPONDING TO CERTAIN PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS THAT ARE UNDER APPEAL.

Item 18 Resolution No. 2024-11-16

APPROVED

Sponsors: Means/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF A ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT TO ADD PERSONAL SELF-CONTAINED RECREATIONAL VEHICLE AS AN ALTERNATIVE TEMPORARY DWELLING UNIT IN CASES OF SPECIAL HARDSHIP OR DURING CONSTRUCTION OF A PERMANENT DWELLING FOR UP TO SIX MONTHS, IN ANY AGRICULTURAL OR RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH ACTIVE CONSTRUCTION AND AN APPROVED BUILDING PERMIT.

Items 19 Resolution No. 2024-11-17

APPROVED

Sponsors: Carr/King

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE COUNTY COMMISSION'S TOTAL OPPOSITION TO A RIVER OVERLAY DISTRICT AND ANY OTHER MEASURES THAT WOULD ENCUMBER OR IMPEDE THE PROPERTY RIGHTS OF OUR CITIZENS ON THE SOUTH FORK OF THE HOLSTON RIVER.



Item 20 Resolution No. 2024-11-18 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED) **APPROVED**

Sponsors: Crosswhite/Calton

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF OPIOID ABATEMENT/SETTLEMENT FUNDS FROM THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND (121).

Item 21 Resolution No. 2024-11-19 **APPROVED**

Sponsors: Ireson/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN ORDER FORM AND TWO-YEAR MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN SULLIVAN COUNTY AND EAGLEVIEW TO PROVIDE AERIAL IMAGERY TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY PROPERTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE WITH \$182,362.50 DUE AT INITIAL ACTIVATION OF SERVICES.



TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSORS

*Sullivan County
Board of County Commissioners
244th Annual Session*

OLD BUSINESS

Item 1

No. 2024-09-12

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of September 2024.

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A ONE-YEAR AGREEMENT TO RETAIN AN ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE A DAILY PRESENCE ON NASHVILLE TO REPRESENT THE BEST INTERESTS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY AND ITS TAXPAYERS BY MONITORING DAY-TO-DAY PROGRESS OF POTENTIAL STATE LAWS AND PROVIDE PERIODIC REPORTS TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION.

Whereas, the Sullivan County Commission and County Constitutional Officeholders commend our Legislative delegation on their outstanding representation of their Sullivan County constituents and Sullivan County governments; and

Whereas, the Tennessee General Assembly will, during the upcoming session, file nearly 2000 pieces of legislation; and

Whereas, during the Legislative session many of these bills are acted on daily and many of these bills will affect our county government and our taxpayers, with many of these bills having potential to pit urban vs. rural interests; and

Whereas, our outstanding delegation of state legislators are required to vote on these bills; and

Whereas, our elected State Representatives and State Senators serve both urban and rural constituencies; and

Whereas, Sullivan County is represented in Nashville by many outstanding organizations such as TSEA, ACM, TCCA and others, and these organizations do an excellent job for all 95 counties in Tennessee; and

Whereas, many counties across the state have different interests than Sullivan County, and the Sullivan County Commission needs real time reporting of legislation progress on items pertaining to Sullivan County's particular interests to best meet the needs of county residents and taxpayers; and

Whereas it is not reasonable to request that our legislators lobby against the interest of any of their constituents or governments; and

Whereas, the Sullivan County Commission needs a Legislative Session review at the end of session.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Sullivan County Commission authorizes the County Mayor to enter into a one-year agreement to retain an organization to provide a daily presence on



Nashville to assist our legislators when requested, to present Sullivan County positions on pending legislation to other 128 legislators and to provide periodic legislative reports to the Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Mayor is authorized to commit up to \$45,000 for this contracted service and funds are to be provided from the current County Commission account.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Approved this _____ day of _____ 2024.

Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the _____ day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite

2024-09-12 ACTIONS: Introduced on First Reding at Monthly Meeting, September 19, 2024. Signature lines updated prior to Oct. 10 Work Session per County Attorney Street following election of chairman other than mayor. At Monthly Meeting on October 17, 2024, Sponsor deferred to November calendar. At Work Session on Nov. 14, 2024, sponsor said resolution to be withdrawn. – JHO III
11/21/24 Resolution withdrawn by Sponsor



*Sullivan County
Board of County Commissioners
244th Annual Session*

**Item 2
Resolution No. 2024-11-02**

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of November 2024.

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE REQUIREMENT PURSUANT TO TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED, SECTION 8-36-205, TO AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL BRIDGE BENEFIT PURSUANT TO TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED, SECTION 8-36-211, AND TO AUTHORIZE GROUP 1 MEMBERS WHO HAVE CREDITABLE SERVICE IN A GROUP 1 POSITION COVERED BY SUCH MANDATORY AGE RETIREMENT TO RETIRE ON SERVICE RETIREMENT BENEFITS UPON ATTAINMENT OF AGE FIFTY-FIVE (55) WITH TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS OF CREDITABLE SERVICE PURSUANT TO TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED, SECTION 8-36-201(A)(2).

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-36-205 provides that any political subdivision participating in the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System may establish a mandatory retirement age requirement for all its firefighters, police officers, and correctional officers, as well as for all its employees who have been transferred from such a position to a supervisory or administrative position within their respective agency; provided that:

- (A) the mandatory retirement of any such employee does not violate the Age Discrimination in Employment Act. In case of doubt, the respective political subdivision shall determine whether the employee is employed in a position requiring the mandatory retirement of such employee under the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-36-205(a)(2);
- (B) the terms and conditions of the requirement shall be the same for all such employees within its employ;
- (C) the mandatory age requirement *shall not be less than* sixty (60) years of age;
- (D) each such employee shall be retired on the first day of the month following the month in which the employee attains the age requirement established by the political subdivision;
- (E) if the mandatory age requirement established by the political subdivision is less than the age requirement for receipt of old age and survivors benefits under Title II of the Federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 401-425), each such employee shall be entitled to the supplemental bridge benefit established pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-36-211; and
- (F) the chief governing body of the political subdivision passes a resolution authorizing the establishment of the mandatory retirement age requirement, and if the mandatory age requirement established by the political subdivision is less than the age requirement for receipt of old age and survivors benefits under Title II of the Federal Social Security Act,



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the political subdivision accepts the liability associated with the granting of the supplemental bridge benefit. All costs associated with providing the supplemental benefit shall be paid by the political subdivision and not by the State; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-36-201(a)(2) further authorizes any political subdivision that establishes a mandatory retirement age requirement that is sixty (60) years of age or older, but less than sixty-two (62), to permit Group 1 members who have creditable service in a Group 1 position covered by such mandatory retirement age requirement to retire on service retirement benefits upon attainment of age fifty-five (55) with twenty-five (25) years of creditable service, provided that the service retirement benefits be based on the years of creditable service rendered and the average final compensation received while the Group 1 member served in a Group 1 position covered by the mandatory retirement provisions. All other service shall be calculated under the reduced (early) retirement provisions; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County desires to establish a mandatory retirement age requirement pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-36-205, to grant the supplemental bridge benefit pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-36-211, and to allow Group 1 members who have creditable service in a Group 1 position covered by such mandatory retirement age requirement to retire on service retirement benefits pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-36-201(a)(2); and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the above-named Political Subdivision acknowledges that the costs associated with the granting of the supplemental bridge benefit pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-36-211 and of service retirement benefits pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-36-201(a)(2) shall increase its accrued liability rate by 3.50 % of the covered payroll of the affected employees; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the above-named Political Subdivision further acknowledges that *if* the mandatory retirement age requirement established by the Political Subdivision is sixty (60) years of age or older, but less than sixty-two (62), the political subdivision shall determine whether any employee subject to such retirement age requirement serves in a supervisory or administrative position which requires less than fifty percent (50%) of the employee's duties to be involved in day-to-day law enforcement or fire-fighting activities. If the Political Subdivision makes any such determination, then the employee may continue in service until the first day of the month following the month in which the employee attains sixty-two (62) years of age; provided



such employee completes any form as may be required pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-36-211 and files the same at the time and in the manner prescribed in Section 8-36-211.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the above-named Political Subdivision hereby establishes a mandatory retirement age requirement of Sixty (60) for all its firefighters, police officers, and correctional officers, as well as for all its employees who have been transferred from such a position to a supervisory or administrative position within their respective agency, subject to the terms and conditions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-36-205.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the above-named Political Subdivision authorizes that the supplemental bridge benefit established pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-36-211 be paid to each Group 1 member who retires on a service retirement allowance on or after the attainment of age fifty-five (55) with creditable service in a Group 1 position covered by the mandatory retirement age requirement established pursuant to this resolution and hereby agrees to accept the associated liability. Said payment to be made until the first day of the month following the month in which the member dies, or until the first day of the month following the month in which the member reaches the age requirement for receipt of old age and survivors benefits under Title II of the Federal Social Security Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the above-named Political Subdivision authorizes its Group 1 members who have creditable service in a Group 1 position covered by such mandatory retirement age requirement to retire on service retirement benefits upon attainment of age fifty-five (55) with twenty-five (25) years of creditable service, provided that the service retirement benefits be based on the years of creditable service rendered and the average final compensation received while the Group 1 member served in a Group 1 position covered by the mandatory retirement provisions. All other service shall be calculated under the reduced (early) retirement provisions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the effective date of this Resolution shall be on January 1, 2025 with a transitional deferral date of July 1, 2026 for the enforcement of the mandatory retirement age requirement (which date cannot be later than the July 1 following twelve (12) months after the effective date of the resolution). Any such deferral period shall not apply to any other provisions of this Resolution, such provisions being effective on the effective date of this Resolution.



STATE OF TENNESSEE

COUNTY OF SULLIVAN

I, Teresa Jacobs, clerk of the County Commission of
(Name of Governing Body)

Sullivan County, Tennessee do hereby certify that this is a true and
(Name of Political Subdivision)

exact copy of the foregoing resolution that was approved and adopted in accordance with applicable
law at a meeting held on the 21st day of November, 2024, the original of which is on file in
this office.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and the seal of the

Sullivan County
(Name of Political Subdivision)

Teresa Jacobs
As Clerk of the Board, as aforesaid

SEAL

Duly passed and approved this 21st day of November 2024.

Reviewed by Chairman: John T. Gardner
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 26th day of
November, 2024 at or about the following time 8:30 am by the following
method: hand delivered

Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk



ACTION BY MAYOR

Item 2
Resolution No. 2024-11-02

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: Mayor chose not to sign.
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____
day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the
following _____ method:
_____.

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Mark Ireson
Coponents: Commissioner Zane Vanover, Commissioner Travis Ward, Commissioner Gary Stidham; Commissioner Matt Slagle; Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner Hunter Locke; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Jessica Means; Commissioner Daniel Horne; Commissioner Larry Crawford; Commissioner Joseph McMurray; Commissioner Joe Carr; Commissioner Cheryl Harvey; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner Tony Leonard; Commissioner Andrew Cross; Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Sam Jones.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-11-02 ACTIONS: Draft resolution distributed at Work Session on November 14, 2024. Signature lines updated per County Attorney Street following election of chairman other than mayor. -- JHO III
11/21/24 Approved on Waiver of Rules 22 Yes, 2 Absent

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NOT to sign.
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Agenda subject voting repo..

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Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission November 21 2024

11/21/2024

31 New Business Item 2 Resolution No. 2024-11-02 Sponsors: Ireson/Vanover
Vote

Description

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE REQUIREMENT PURSUANT TO TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED, SECTION 8-36-205, TO AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL BRIDGE BENEFIT PURSUANT TO TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED, SECTION 8-36-211, AND TO AUTHORIZE GROUP 1 MEMBERS WHO HAVE CREDITABLE SERVICE IN A GROUP 1 POSITION COVERED BY SUCH MANDATORY AGE RETIREMENT TO RETIRE ON SERVICE RETIREMENT BENEFITS UPON ATTAINMENT OF AGE FIFTY-FIVE (55) WITH TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS OF CREDITABLE SERVICE PURSUANT TO TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED, SECTION 8-36-201(A)(2).

Chairman

Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 7:31:14 PM
Voting stop time 7:31:34 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	22
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	22
Absent	2

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	22	0
Total result	22	0

Individual voting result

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()				X
Calton, Darlene ()	X			
Carr, Joe ()	X			
Cole, Michael ()	X			
Crawford, Larry ()	X			
Cross, Andrew ()	X			
Crosswhite, Joyce ()	X			
Gardner, John ()	X			
Glover, Hershel ()	X			
Harvey, Cheryl ()	X			
Hayes, David ()	X			
Horne, Daniel ()	X			
Ireson, Mark ()	X			
Jones, Sam ()	X			
King, Dwight ()	X			
Leonard, Tony ()	X			
Locke, Hunter ()	X			
McMurray, Joe ()	X			
Means, Jessica ()	X			
Pierce, Archie ()	X			
Slagle, Matt ()	X			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			

Agenda subject voting report

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Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission November 21 2024

11/21/2024

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()				X

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Item 3
Resolution No. 2024-11-03

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of November 2024.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BRIDGE, TO INCENTIVIZE NEW PASSENGER AIR SERVICE AT TRI-CITIES AIRPORT.

WHEREAS, tourism a growing industry in Sullivan County, with tourists having spent more than \$300 million in the county in 2023, a figure representing a 3 percent increase over the previous year; and

WHEREAS, the tourism industry in Sullivan County employs around 2,638 people; and

WHEREAS, tourism in Sullivan County generates more than \$600,000 in county occupancy tax each year; and

WHEREAS, the Tri-Cities Airport is uniquely positioned to increase those figures by increasing the number of travelers arriving here and at the same time lowering the average fare; and

WHEREAS, supporting the minimum revenue guarantee for expanding air service will in turn support increased tourism in Sullivan County and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, Bridge, a privately funded regional economic development organization, has volunteered to serve as the fund-raising partner for the airport's air service expansion campaign; and

WHEREAS, the Tri-Cities Airport, in cooperation with Bridge and air service consultant Mead & Hunt, is actively recruiting new passenger air service routes to increase the positive economic impact of tourism and business travel in our county and communities; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County hereby designates up to \$10,000 a month from the hotel /motel tax revenues over two years (a total of up to \$240,000) to assist the airport in funding revenue guarantees to incentivize new passenger service routes.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this 21st day of November 2024.

Reviewed by Chairman: John T. Gardner
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

This resolution was amended by sponsor at 2/20/25 Co. Comm. Mtg. - See following



Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 20th day of November 2024 at or about the following time 8:30 am by the following method: Hand Delivered

Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

Item 3
Resolution No. 2024-11-03

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County Richard S. Verrabile
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Mark Ireson
Cosponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover; Commissioner Sam Jones

Resolution No. 2024-11-03 ACTIONS: Draft resolution presented at Work Session on November 14th 2024. Signature lines updated per County Attorney Street following election of chairman other than mayor. -- JHO III
11/21/24 Approved on Waiver of Rules 22 Yes, 2 Absent



Agenda subject voting repo. .

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Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission November 21 2024

11/21/2024

32 Item 3 Resolution No. 2024-11-03 Sponsors: Ireson/Vanover
Vote

Description

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BRIDGE, TO INCENTIVIZE NEW PASSENGER AIR SERVICE AT TRI-CITIES AIRPORT.

Chairman

Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 7:41:16 PM
Voting stop time 7:41:37 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	22
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	22
Absent	2

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	22	0
Total result	22	0

Individual voting result

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()				X
Calton, Darlene ()	X			
Carr, Joe ()	X			
Cole, Michael ()	X			
Crawford, Larry ()	X			
Cross, Andrew ()	X			
Crosswhite, Joyce ()	X			
Gardner, John ()	X			
Glover, Hershel ()	X			
Harvey, Cheryl ()	X			
Hayes, David ()	X			
Horne, Daniel ()	X			
Ireson, Mark ()	X			
Jones, Sam ()	X			
King, Dwight ()	X			
Leonard, Tony ()	X			
Locke, Hunter ()	X			
McMurray, Joe ()	X			
Means, Jessica ()	X			
Pierce, Archie ()	X			
Slagle, Matt ()	X			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()				X

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Item 18
Motion 2025-02-01

Motion to amend Resolution 2024-11-03 to add the following language before "Now Therefore Be It Resolved."

WHEREAS, the BRIDGE has emerged as the only volunteer to serve the regional needs as the third-party agent for the purposes of negotiating the Minimum Revenue Guarantee (MRG); and

WHEREAS, the BRIDGE will provide:

- (1) An Invoice from BRIDGE to Sullivan County for each period described in the airline payment request per the MRG
- (2) Processing of MRG funds and payments to the airline
- (3) Updates to the Sullivan County Commission as requested; and

WHEREAS, supporting the Minimum Revenue Guarantee (MRG) for expanding air service will in turn support increased tourism in Sullivan County and surrounding communities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Sullivan County Commission hereby designates \$10,000 a month from the hotel /motel tax revenues over two years (a total of \$240,000) to assist funding the Minimum Revenue Guarantee to incentivize new passenger service routes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these funds will be held by Sullivan County, in accounts determined by the Sullivan County Finance Department until an Invoice is received from BRIDGE for each period described in the airline payment request per the Minimum Revenue Guarantee. These funds will only be used for the air service project per the Minimum Revenue Guarantee and will not fund any portion of the BRIDGE's general fund, operating expenses or other projects; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, BRIDGE will not request any of the designated funds unless a signed agreement is in place with an airline. The agreement is called a Minimum Revenue Guarantee (MRG). The start date of the Minimum Revenue Guarantee is yet to be determined. If no Minimum Revenue Guarantee contact is achieved, none of these designated funds will be spent on this project; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the \$10,000 per month for this resolution will come from Hotel/Motel tax funds from the unincorporated areas of Sullivan County and the Local Occupancy (Vrbo/Airbnb) properties first. The \$10,000 per month will be set aside prior to the distribution of Hotel/Motel Tax Funds described in Resolution No. 2024-11-08.

(Letter from BRIDGE to the Sullivan County Commission, dated 01-16-2025, will be included with this resolution.)

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

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Duly adopted 20th day of February 2025.

Reviewed by Chairman: Zane Vanover
~~John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission~~
Comm. Zane Vanover, Chairman Pro Tempore
ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 25th day of February, 2025 at or about the following time 9:30 am by the following method: Hand delivered.

Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: Richard S. Venable
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____

Mayor, Sullivan County

SPONSOR: Commissioner Mark Ireson

Actions: On February 13, 2025, Commissioner Ireson requested inclusion in February 20, 2025 Agenda in order to give advance notice of intent to make motion. 02/20/24 Commissioner Ireson made the above motion to amend Resolution 2024-11-03 03 to add the above referenced language before "Now Therefore Be It Resolved." 2nd by Crosswhite, Jones and Crawford. Approved 17 Yes, 4 No, 3 Absent

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission February 20 2025

2/20/2025

16 Item 18 Resolution No. 2025-02-17 Sponsors: Ireson
Vote

Description

MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 2024-11-03 TO ADD THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE BEFORE "NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED."

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Chairman

Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 7:02:55 PM
Voting stop time 7:03:11 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	17
Abstain	0
No	4
Total Present	21
Absent	3

Group voting result

Group	Yes	No	Absent
No group	17	4	0
Total result	17	4	0

Individual voting result

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()			X	
Calton, Darlene ()	X			
Carr, Joe ()				X
Cole, Michael ()	X			
Crawford, Larry ()	X			
Cross, Andrew ()	X			
Crosswhite, Joyce ()	X			
Gardner, John ()				X
Glover, Hershel ()			X	
Harvey, Cheryl ()	X			
Hayes, David ()	X			
Horne, Daniel ()	X			
Ireson, Mark ()	X			
Jones, Sam ()	X			
King, Dwight ()			X	
Leonard, Tony ()	X			
Locke, Hunter ()	X			
McMurray, Joe ()				X
Means, Jessica ()	X			
Pierce, Archie ()	X			
Slagle, Matt ()			X	
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()	X			



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Julie Bennett
Chair, BRIDGE
10431 Wallace Alley Street
Kingsport, TN 37663

January 16, 2025

Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County
John Gardner, Chair
Sullivan County Courthouse
3411 Hwy 126
Blountville, TN 37617

Dear Chairman Gardner and members of the Board of Commissioners:

BRIDGE, a privately funded non-profit 501 (c) 6 regional economic development organization, is honored to have been granted the opportunity by the Tri-Cities Airport Authority to act in support of the airport's goal of increasing passenger air service. The Sullivan County Board of Commissioners' November 21, 2024 vote to support this effort showed vision, forethought, and a commitment to the airport and its goals, and both BRIDGE and the airport appreciate that support of this effort.

Since that vote, questions have been raised regarding the process and mechanisms by which the funding you approved will be implemented in service of the airport's goals. On behalf of the full BRIDGE board, I thank you for the opportunity to clarify this.

1. All funds provided by Sullivan County will be held by Sullivan County until BRIDGE provides an invoice based on the Minimum Revenue Guarantee (MRG).
2. BRIDGE will use the funds only for the air service project per the MRG and will not use any portion of the funds for BRIDGE's general fund, operating expenses or other projects. BRIDGE has paid for the air service consultant, Mead & Hunt.
3. BRIDGE will not request any of the designated funds unless a signed agreement is in place with an airline. The agreement is called a Minimum Revenue Guarantee (MRG).
4. BRIDGE will provide:
 - a. Invoice from BRIDGE to Sullivan County for each period described in the airline payment request per the MRG.
 - b. Processing of MRG funds and payment to airline.
 - c. Updates to the commission as requested.
5. Sullivan County to provide a commitment via resolution that funds the air service project and names BRIDGE as the recipient of the funds for the purpose of working directly with the airline.
6. Start date to be determined in the MRG with a goal of starting in the second quarter of 2025.



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We hope this answers the questions that have been raised since the passage of Resolution No. 2024-11-03 to your satisfaction. We look forward to working with other public and private parties in funding the rest of the MRG with the assurance that Sullivan County has led the way in support of the airport and its goals.

Sincerely,

Julie Bennett
Chair, BRIDGE

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Item 4
Resolution No. 2024-11-04

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of November 2024.

A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER FOR THE PURPOSE OF SPAYING AND NEUTERING COMMUNITY-OWNED PETS.

WHEREAS the Tennessee Department of Agriculture has provided \$1,200 in grant funding to support the Sullivan County Animal Shelter's spay and neuter program; and

WHEREAS these funds are designated specifically to assist with spaying and neutering community-owned pets within Sullivan County, which is essential to reducing overpopulation and enhancing animal welfare within the community; and

WHEREAS the spay and neuter program aligns with the goals of Sullivan County and the Animal Shelter to promote responsible pet ownership, improve public health, and minimize the number of stray animals; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Commission recognizes the importance of this program and the impact it has on the health and safety of both animals and residents in the county.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session, that:

1. **The \$1,200 grant from the Tennessee Department of Agriculture shall be appropriated to the Sullivan County Animal Shelter.**
2. **These funds are to be used exclusively for spaying and neutering community-owned pets, with the goal of reducing pet overpopulation and improving animal welfare in Sullivan County.**
3. **The Sullivan County Animal Shelter shall maintain records of the expenditure of these funds and report to the Commission on the program's progress, effectiveness, and any outcomes resulting from this funding.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage, the public welfare requiring it. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this 21st day of November 2024.

Reviewed by Chairman: *John T. Gardner*
 John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: *Teresa Jacobs*
 Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk



Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 20th day of November, 2024 at or about the following time 8:30 am by the following method: Hand delivered

Teresa Jacobs

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

Item 4
Resolution No. 2024-11-04

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: Richard S. Venable

Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____

Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsor: Darlene Calton, Tony Leonard, Michael Cole

Resolution No. 2024-11-04 ACTIONS: 11/21/24 Approved on Consent 22 yes, 2 Absent



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Item 5
Resolution No. 2024-11-05

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of November 2024.

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD TO REPLACE THE ENTRANCE SIGN AT THE TRI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK.

WHEREAS, **The Industrial Development Board of Sullivan County, Tennessee**, with monies from the sale of County owned Tri-County Industrial Park properties, established economic development sub-fund (Account #58120-700 Subfund 021) for the purpose of funding on-going maintenance efforts and furthering development of the Tri-County Industrial Park.

WHEREAS, the existing tenant sign is more than 40-years old and is in significant disrepair. And whereas, since its creation, the IDB through the economic development subfund has participated in the funding of economic development related projects and has partnered with agencies with common goals to advance the economic development conditions of Sullivan County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby appropriates **\$125,000.00** to the Sullivan County Industrial Development Board to supplement the demolition of the existing tenant sign and construction of a new tenant sign at the Tri-County Industrial Park, and the addition of landscaping features.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED such funds to be appropriated from Account #58120-700 Subfund 021 (The subfund was established, with monies from the sale of County owned Tri-County Industrial Park properties beginning June 1993, for the purpose of funding on-going maintenance efforts and furthering development of the Tri-County Industrial Park.).

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this 21st day of November 2024.

Reviewed by Chairman: _____

John T. Gardner
 John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: _____

Teresa Jacobs
 Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk



Item 5
Resolution No. 2024-11-05

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 26th day of November, 2024 at or about the following time 8:30 am by the following method: Hand Delivered

Teresa Jacobs

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

Item 5
Resolution No. 2024-11-05

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: Richard S. Venable
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsor: Commissioner Hershel Glover

Resolution No. 2024-11-05 ACTIONS: Approved on Waiver of Rules 22 Yes, 2 Absent



Agenda subject voting report

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Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission November 21 2024

11/21/2024

35 Item 5 Resolution No. 2024-11-05 Sponsors: King/Glover
Vote

Description

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD TO REPLACE THE ENTRANCE SIGN AT THE TRI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK.

Chairman

Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 7:44:18 PM

Voting stop time 7:44:40 PM

Voting configuration Vote

Voting mode Open

Vote result

Yes	22
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	22
Absent	2

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	22	0
Total result	22	0

Individual voting result

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()				X
Calton, Darlene ()	X			
Carr, Joe ()	X			
Cole, Michael ()	X			
Crawford, Larry ()	X			
Cross, Andrew ()	X			
Crosswhite, Joyce ()	X			
Gardner, John ()	X			
Glover, Hershel ()	X			
Harvey, Cheryl ()	X			
Hayes, David ()	X			
Horne, Daniel ()	X			
Ireson, Mark ()	X			
Jones, Sam ()	X			
King, Dwight ()	X			
Leonard, Tony ()	X			
Locke, Hunter ()	X			
McMurray, Joe ()	X			
Means, Jessica ()	X			
Pierce, Archie ()	X			
Slagle, Matt ()	X			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()				X

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Item 6
Resolution No. 2024-11-06

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of November 2024.

A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY UNDER THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, Sullivan County has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$78,530 from the Department of Energy under the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this grant is to promote energy efficiency and conservation within Sullivan County's facilities, in accordance with the objectives of the EECBG Program; and

WHEREAS, the County has identified the need to retrofit the HVAC system at the Sullivan County Finance Administrative Building to improve energy efficiency, reduce operating costs, and provide enhanced comfort for employees and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the planned retrofitting of the HVAC system aligns with the goals of the EECBG Program by reducing energy consumption and supporting the County's commitment to sustainable operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners, assembled in a Regular Session, approves the appropriation of \$78,530 received from the Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant for the specific purpose of retrofitting the HVAC system at the Finance Administrative Building.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board authorizes the County Mayor and appropriate County officials to execute any necessary agreements, contracts, or documents required to implement this project in compliance with grant guidelines.

This resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Adopted this 21st day of November 2024.

Reviewed by Chairman: _____

John T. Gardner
 John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: _____

Teresa Jacobs
 Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk



**Item 6
Resolution No. 2024-11-06**

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 26th day of November, 2024 at or about the following time 8:30 am by the following method: Hand delivered

Teresa Jacobs

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

**Item 6
Resolution No. 2024-11-06**

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County:

Richard S. Vonnard
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:

Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____

Mayor, Sullivan County

**Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover**

Resolution No. 2024-11-06 ACTIONS: 11/21/24 Approved on Consent 22 yes, 2 Absent



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Item 7
Resolution No. 2024-11-07

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of November 2024.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP (DBA: NETWORKS SULLIVAN PARTNERSHIP) TO SUBMIT A STATE INDUSTRIAL ACCESS ROAD GRANT APPLICATION TO TDOT ON BEHALF OF SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, NETWORKS Sullivan Partnership is tasked to furthering industrial & economic development in Sullivan County. And whereas, NETWORKS Sullivan Partnership has been working with a private developer to improve some 28-acres adjoining the Tri-County Industrial Park for future industrial recruitment and expansion opportunities. And whereas, it has been deemed that a new access road would have to be constructed for development to occur.

WHEREAS, NETWORKS Sullivan Partnership has coordinated with the Sullivan County Planning Department and the Sullivan County Highway Department and will further incorporate their input moving forward. And whereas, authorization to apply to TDOT is not a commitment to accept TDOT funding, if approved.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes NETWORKS Sullivan Partnership to submit a State Industrial Access Road Grant Application to TDOT for the design and construction of a new access road in Sullivan County.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Adopted this 21st day of November 2024.

Reviewed by Chairman: John T. Gardner
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 20th day of November, 2024, at or about the following time 8:30 am by the following method: hand delivered

Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk



Item 7
Resolution No. 2024-11-07

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County Richard A. Venable
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____
day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the
following _____ method:

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsor: Commissioner Hershel Glover

Resolution No. 2024-11-07 ACTIONS: 11/21/24 Approved on Consent 22 yes, 2 Absent



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Item 8
Resolution No. 2024-11-08

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of November 2024.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DISTRIBUTION OF HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUNDS FOR DESTINATION MARKETING AND DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Commission recognizes the importance of tourism to the economic vitality of Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, a partnership between Sullivan County and its neighboring Cities is deemed to be in the best interest of Sullivan County for the purpose of destination marketing and development and overall collaboration; and

WHEREAS, each City has notified the Sullivan County Commission that their preferred tourism partner be set as NETTA (Northeast Tennessee Tourism Association) for the purposes of tourism enablement within Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to establish a mechanism for the distribution of hotel/motel tax funds to support such partnership as well as establish tourism leadership within Sullivan County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Sullivan County Commission that the distribution of funds to the city's tourism partner, NETTA (Northeast Tennessee Tourism Association) shall be set at 50% of the net proceeds collected by Sullivan County for each City contribution less the Clerk's 5% commission. This distribution shall occur within 45 days after the end of the calendar quarter each year (4 times per year) after the initial distribution. As of October 31st, 2024, the amount collected is reported at \$962,852.55 (less the Clerk's 5% Commission). The initial amount to be distributed to NETTA shall be \$481,426.27.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Adopted this 21st day of November 2024.

Reviewed by Chairman: John T. Gardner
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 26th day of November, 2024, at or about the following time 8:30 am by the following method: Hand delivered
Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk



ACTION BY MAYOR

Item 8
Resolution No. 2024-11-08

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: Mayor declined to sign
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____
day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the
following _____ method:

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Matt Slagle
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Daniel Horne; Commissioner Cheryl Harvey; Commissioner Jessica Means; Commissioner Hershel Glover

Resolution No. 2024-11-08 ACTIONS: 11/21/24 Comm. Glover made a motion to amend to establish that an appropriation of 50% of collections shall go to NETTA with the remaining proceeds of the hotel/motel tax collections to go to the Sullivan County Office of Director of Tourism. This formula shall also be assigned going forward annually. (See the following amendment in full) Comm. Glover also added a verbal amendment to give back to Bluff City the hotel/motel tax money that the former Mayor Mr. Jeff Broyles initially declined to accept. 2nd by Comm. Locke. Sponsor accepted the original written amendment as presented but rejected the verbal amendment at this time. Comm. Crosswhite made a motion to amend that Sullivan County give to NETTA the same amount that Bristol and Kingsport gives. There was no 2nd, however, the Sponsor stated he did not accept the amendment. Resolution was approved on Waiver of Rules as originally amended. 19 Yes, 3 No, 2 Absent

Mayor Declines
to sign
RSV



Item # No. 2024- AMEND

AMENDMENT by Commissioner Hershel Glover

November 21, 2024, Regular Session

This Sullivan County Board of Commissioners wishes to better develop and define the "open" nature of the undesignated balance from Hotel / Motel collections in Resolution 2024- - dated November 21, 2024 establishing that an appropriation of 50% of collections shall go to NETTA with remaining proceeds identified as \$481,426.27 (50% of Hotel / Motel tax collections to date) shall go to the Sullivan County Office of Director of Tourism.

This formula shall also be assigned going forward annually to appropriate 50% of all Hotel / Motel tax collections (less the Clerk's 5% Commission) to NETTA or destination per Bristol and Kingsport, with the remaining 50% of collections going to the Sullivan County Office of Director of Tourism.

This appropriation shall be identified in the annual Sullivan County's Finance Department control account for Hotel / Motel tax collections.

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission November 21 2024

11/21/2024

43 Item 8 Resolution No. 2024-11-08 Sponsors: Slagle/Vanover
Vote

Description

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DISTRIBUTION OF HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUNDS FOR DESTINATION MARKETING AND DEVELOPMENT.

Chairman

Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 8:08:05 PM
Voting stop time 8:08:30 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	19
Abstain	0
No	3
Total Present	22
Absent	2

Group voting result

Group	Yes	No	Absent
No group	19	3	0
Total result	19	3	0

Individual voting result

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()				
Calton, Darlene ()	X			
Carr, Joe ()	X			
Cole, Michael ()			X	
Crawford, Larry ()	X			
Cross, Andrew ()	X			
Crosswhite, Joyce ()			X	
Gardner, John ()	X			
Glover, Hershel ()	X			
Harvey, Cheryl ()	X			
Hayes, David ()	X			
Horne, Daniel ()	X			
Ireson, Mark ()	X			
Jones, Sam ()	X			
King, Dwight ()	X			
Leonard, Tony ()			X	
Locke, Hunter ()	X			
McMurray, Joe ()	X			
Means, Jessica ()	X			
Pierce, Archie ()	X			
Slagle, Matt ()	X			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()				

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Item 9
Resolution No. 2024-11-09

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of November 2024.

RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR EDUCATION INCENTIVE PAYMENTS TO COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY MEMBERS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

WHEREAS, under T.C.A. § 5-5-113, counties are authorized and encouraged to pay a supplement of six hundred dollars (\$600) to county legislative body members who successfully complete in each year at least eight (8) hours of continuing education training at conferences or meetings provided or approved by the County Technical Assistance Service (CTAS); and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County desires to provide for such an incentive payment to county legislative body members who successfully complete the annual training, subject to budget availability and appropriation of funds

.NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sullivan County legislative body, meeting in regular session at Sullivan, Tennessee:

SECTION 1. Any county legislative body member of Sullivan County who has completed at least eight (8) hours of continuing education training at conferences or meetings provided or approved by CTAS and whose completion of such training has been verified by CTAS shall be paid the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600) out of county funds appropriated for that purpose.

SECTION 2. This resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval, the public welfare requiring it. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2024.

Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the _____ day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____.

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk



ACTION BY MAYOR

**Item 9
Resolution No. 2024-11-09**

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____
day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the
following _____ method:
_____.

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Mark Ireson
Cosponsor: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

Resolution No. 2024-11-09 ACTIONS: 11/21/24 1st Reading



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Item 10
Resolution No. 2024-11-10

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of November 2024.

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT FUNDS AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FROM THE OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAMS RECEIVED THROUGH THE STATE OF TENNESSEE MENTAL HEALTH TRANSPORT FUND GRANT APPLICATION.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Office of Criminal Justice Programs has grant funding available for the Transport of Mental Health patients; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office applied for the Mental Health Transport grant funding that will benefit the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office through the payment funding needed to transport individuals in the Sullivan County area with Mental Health issues; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office's share of funding from the grant application approved by Tennessee Office of Criminal Justice Programs is in the amount of \$509,558.00 and no matching funds required; and

WHEREAS, \$509,558.00 of the grant funds are for FY 2024-2025 and unspent funds at the end of fiscal year must be retained, utilized, and applied to future qualifying Costs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorize the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to accept these Mental Health Transport grant funds from the State of Tennessee in the amount of \$509,558.00 and approve the funds to be used as required by the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon approval of said grant application, Sullivan County is hereby authorized to receive, appropriate, and expend said grant funds; not to exceed the above amount (\$509,558.00), as required by the grant contract. The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are to be established by the Accounts and Budgets Department.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Approved this 21st day of November 2024.

Reviewed by Chairman: John T. Gardner
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk



Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 26th day of November, 2024 at or about the following time 8:30 am by the following method: Hand delivered.

Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

Item 10
Resolution No. 2024-11-10

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: Richard S. Venaldi
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner Jessica Means

Resolution No. 2024-11-10 ACTIONS: 11/21/24 Approved on Consent 22 yes, 2 Absent



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**Item 11
Resolution No. 2024-11-11**

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of November 2024.

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE TO FUND A SECOND \$800 SALARY SUPPLEMENT FOR POST CERTIFIED OFFICERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$102,400 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 WITH NO MATCHING FUNDS.

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee decided to provide an additional \$800 salary supplement for Post Certified Officers; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office only budgets for one salary supplement in the original approved budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds already paid to Sullivan County (101 R 46210) be appropriated to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office payroll accounts to cover the cost of the additional \$800 Salary Supplement for Post Certified Officers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize, and appropriate \$102,400 of additional funding from the State of Tennessee to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the additional Salary Supplement for Post Certified Officers.

Revenue Account:	101 R 46210	
Expenditure Account:	101 E 54110 100	\$88,000
	101 E 54210 100	\$14,400

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Approved this 21st day of November 2024.

Reviewed by Chairman: John T. Gardner
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk



Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 20th day of November, 2024 at or about the following time 8:30 am by the following method: hand delivered.

Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

**Item 11
Resolution No. 2024-11-11**

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County:

Richard S. Venaldi
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:

Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____.

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner Jessica Means

Resolution No. 2024-11-11 ACTIONS: 11/21/24 Approved on Consent 22 yes, 2 Absent



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Item 12
Resolution No. 2024-11-12

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of November 2024.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SULLIVAN COUNTY CLERK & MASTER KATHARINE JENNELLE, SULLIVAN COUNTY CHANCERY COURT, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GOVEASE AUCTION, LLC, FOR AN ONLINE AUCTION PORTAL TO HOST DELINQUENT TAX SALES.

WHEREAS, Delinquent Tax Sale Auctions are handled by Sullivan County Chancery Court and the next such sale is scheduled for March 2025; and

WHEREAS, Clerk & Master Katharine Jannelle has identified the option of conducting such sales online as an efficient option which also could be expected to draw significantly more participants via the Internet; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Financial Management Committee reviewed and recommends the Clerk & Master's plan to enter a contract with GovEase Auction, LLC; and

WHEREAS, under the contract, GovEase Auction, LLC, agrees to provide a host server and software for an online auction website which replicates a live, public outcry auction; and will list delinquent tax properties provided by Sullivan County Chancery Court, along with supporting documents (tax records, GIS maps, etc.); and maintain a register of bidders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Sullivan County Commission authorizes Sullivan County Chancery Court, Clerk & Master Katharine Jannelle, to enter into a one-year agreement with GovEase Auction, LLC, for provision of an online auction portal.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Approved this 21st day of November 2024.

Reviewed by Chairman: John T. Gardner
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 26th day of November, 2024, at or about the following time 8:30 am by the following method: Hand delivered.

Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk



ACTION BY MAYOR

Item 12
Resolution No. 2024-11-12

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: Richard S. Venaldi
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____
day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the
following _____ method:

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hershel Glover; Commissioner Jessica Means

Resolution No. 2024-11-12 ACTIONS: 11/21/24 Approved on Consent 22 yes, 2 Absent



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**Item 13
Resolution No. 2024-11-13**

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st of November 2024.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE AWARDED 2018 MULTI-MODAL ACCESS GRANT FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TDOT) TO SULLIVAN COUNTY. THE PROJECT IS KNOWN AS PHASE I OF THE BETTER BLOUNTVILLE: CONNECTING THE COUNTY SEAT – A PLAN FOR PEDESTRIAN ACCESS AND SAFETY IN HISTORIC BLOUNTVILLE.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation Multimodal Access Grant funds can be used to provide the necessary funds to local governments to support the transportation needs of transit users, pedestrians and bicyclists through infrastructure projects that address existing gaps around and along state routes;

WHEREAS, the overall grant request was awarded to Sullivan County in the amount of \$999,120.00 with funding from the State of \$949,164.00 and the remaining local match of only 5% not to exceed \$49,956.00; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the acceptance of such grant funding per resolution 2019-06-53; and

WHEREAS, with the additional archeological study mandated by TDOT during the environmental review phase of the project added costs were incurred; and

WHEREAS, the County received official NEPA Review approval on January 24, 2023; received confirmation of the Right-of-Way per letter dated August 30, 2023; received confirmation Utility Clearance per letter dated November 28, 2023; received confirmation of Construction Plans/Engineering Plans approval per Certification Signed form 5-3 dated November 29, 2023; received confirmation of Title VI Compliance from TDOT per letter dated December 19, 2023; received ADA Compliance of Plans Review per email dated January 4, 2023 as per plans approval in December 2023; received Notice to Proceed with Bid for Construction on August 7, 2024.

WHEREAS, the lowest bid received from a local construction company came to \$1,296,542.06, which is over the budgeted amount; and

WHEREAS, TDOT has agreed to fund the cost overage of \$435,543.00 with funding from the State 95% match (\$413,765.85) and County 5% match of (\$21,777.15).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approves the appropriation of the additional \$21,777.15 of funds to move forward with the Multi-Modal Access Grant from the Tennessee Department of Transportation.



This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Approved this 21st day of November 2024.

Reviewed by Chairman: John T. Gardner
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 26th day of November, 2024 at or about the following time 8:30 am by the following method hand delivered.

Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

Item 13
Resolution No. 2024-11-13

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: Richard S. Venolte
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Tony Leonard

Resolution No. 2024-11-13 ACTIONS: 11/21/24 Approved on Waiver of Rules 20 Yes, 4 Absent



Agenda subject voting report

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Meeting name

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11/21/2024

60 Item 13 Resolution No. 2024-11-13 Sponsors: Crosswhite/Calton
Vote

Description

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE AWARDED 2018 MULTI-MODAL ACCESS GRANT FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TDOT) TO SULLIVAN COUNTY. THE PROJECT IS KNOWN AS PHASE I OF THE BETTER BLOUNTVILLE: CONNECTING THE COUNTY SEAT – A PLAN FOR PEDESTRIAN ACCESS AND SAFETY IN HISTORIC BLOUNTVILLE.

Chairman

Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 8:25:31 PM
Voting stop time 8:26:26 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	20
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	20
Absent	4

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	20	0
Total result	20	0

Individual voting result

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()				X
Calton, Darlene ()				X
Carr, Joe ()	X			
Cole, Michael ()	X			
Crawford, Larry ()	X			
Cross, Andrew ()	X			
Crosswhite, Joyce ()	X			
Gardner, John ()	X			
Glover, Hershel ()	X			
Harvey, Cheryl ()	X			
Hayes, David ()	X			
Horne, Daniel ()				X
Ireson, Mark ()	X			
Jones, Sam ()	X			
King, Dwight ()	X			
Leonard, Tony ()	X			
Locke, Hunter ()	X			
McMurray, Joe ()	X			
Means, Jessica ()	X			
Pierce, Archie ()	X			
Slagle, Matt ()	X			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()				X

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Item 14
Resolution No. 2024-11-14

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of November 2024.

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SEND A LETTER OF INTENT TO THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY EXPRESSING SULLIVAN COUNTY'S INTEREST IN EXTENDING FOR 30 YEARS THE COUNTY'S EASEMENT FROM TVA OF TVA-OWNED LAND KNOWN AND OPERATED FOR NEARLY 50 YEARS AS OBSERVATION KNOB PARK.

WHEREAS, Sullivan County's 50-year contract with the federal government for an easement on land owned by the Tennessee Valley Authority on South Holston Lake and operated by the county as Observation Knob Park will expire in July 2025; and

WHEREAS, Observation Knob Park's operating season begins months earlier than July 2025; and

WHEREAS, TVA representatives have expressed to park management that the federal agency desires to know as soon as possible if Sullivan County intends to extend its easement, in order to allow the agency to seek an alternative tenant(s) if the County does not intend to do so; and

WHEREAS, Observation Knob Park is in compliance with TVA's operations guidelines; and

WHEREAS, TVA's annual inspection of the park will be in early 2025 prior to the opening date for the season and prior to the annual public lottery for seasonal campsites for the season; and

WHEREAS, park management and the County's Park Committee recommend acceptance of TVA's request to exclude the "421 Boat Ramp Area."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Sullivan County Commission authorizes the County Mayor to initiate extension of the county's contract with TVA/The United States of America for an easement of TVA-owned land on South Holston Lake known and operated as Observation Knob, with the exception of the "421 Boat Ramp Area" per TVA's request.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED the Sullivan County Commission approves immediate exclusion of the "421 Boat Ramp Area" from the existing easement from the July 1975-July 2025 contract.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2024.



Item 14
Resolution No. 2024-11-14

Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the _____ day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____.

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

Item 14
Resolution No. 2024-11-14

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____.

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Sam Jones
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; David Hayes

Resolution No. 2024-11-14 ACTIONS: 11/21/24 1st Reading



**THERE IS NO ITEM 15
WHAT APPEARED AS "ITEM 15" ON THE
WORK SESSION AGENDA
OF NOVEMBER 14, 2024
WAS REMOVED BY SPONSORS PRIOR
TO ASSIGNMENT OF A RESOLUTION
NUMBER FOR THIS AGENDA**



**THERE IS NO ITEM 16
WHAT APPEARED AS “ITEM 16” ON THE
WORK SESSION AGENDA
OF NOVEMBER 14, 2024
WAS AN UNINTENTIONAL
DUPLICATION OF
ITEM 13 HEREIN**



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**Item 17
Resolution No. 2024-11-15**

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of November 2024.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE ASSESSOR OF PROPERTY APPROPRIATION IN THE 2025 FY BUDGET BY UP TO \$30,000 TO RECOGNIZE UNSPENT FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY RESOLUTION IN AUGUST 2023 FOR THE FY 2024 BUDGET AND ALLOW SAID FUNDS TO CONTINUE BEING USED FOR THE ORIGINAL PURPOSE -- TO PROVIDE EXPERT CONSULTING IN EVALUATING AND RESPONDING TO CERTAIN PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS THAT ARE UNDER APPEAL.

WHEREAS the Sullivan County Assessor’s Office staff is well qualified and continues to maintain their training to update the quality of assessment on the various types of property in Sullivan County; and,

WHEREAS certain large assessments require additional experience and expertise in specialty areas that are limited to finding in the local market to adequately defend the reasonableness of Sullivan County’s assessments when challenged by large corporations; and,

WHEREAS in August 2023 the Sullivan County Commission approved by resolution up appropriation of up to \$45,000 to provide to assist in three tiers first (\$15,000 retainer) is to provide a preliminary finding to gather the basic information for the second phase (\$30,000) to provide detailed market value of the subject’s assets under the guise and in compliance with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice under Standards Rule 2-2(b) and,

WHEREAS to date \$15,000 has been expended and \$30,000 remains.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby extends the Property Assessor’s time to expend the remaining \$30,000 to continue funding the needed expertise in developing the data to any litigation and to defend any challenged assessments which could result in the loss of \$100’s of thousand dollars if the Sullivan County does not prevail.

(Account codes to be added by the Finance Department)

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded as far as such conflict exists.

Approved this 21st day of November 2024

Reviewed by Chairman: John T. Gardner
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk



Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 20th day of November, 2024 at or about the following time 8:30 am by the following method: Hand Delivered.

Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

Item 17
Resolution No. 2024-11-15

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: Richard S. Vanover
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Mark Ireson
Cosponsors: Darlene Calton

Resolution No. 2024-11-15 ACTIONS: 11/21/24 Approved on Consent 22 yes, 2 Absent



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**Item 18
Resolution No. 2024-11-16**

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of November 2024.

RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF A ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT TO ADD PERSONAL SELF-CONTAINED RECREATIONAL VEHICLE AS AN ALTERNATIVE TEMPORARY DWELLING UNIT IN CASES OF SPECIAL HARDSHIP OR DURING CONSTRUCTION OF A PERMANENT DWELLING FOR UP TO SIX MONTHS, IN ANY AGRICULTURAL OR RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH ACTIVE CONSTRUCTION AND AN APPROVED BUILDING PERMIT.

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Zoning Text (B-106 F) currently does not include language to allow property owners in the process of new home construction to temporarily dwell on the property in a personal self-contained recreational vehicle; and

WHEREAS, lack of that option creates hardship for some homeowners during construction of a new home; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Commission strongly supports home ownership and construction of new homes both of which contribute to the county's continued development and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Commission recommends a Zoning Text Amendment to Sullivan County Zoning Text B-106 (Temporary Uses) F (Temporary Dwelling Unit In Cases of Special Hardship or During Construction of Permanent Dwelling) to include use of personal self-contained recreational vehicles (which contain plumbing facilities, as temporary dwelling units during construction.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners recommends Sullivan County Zoning Text B-106 F be amended to include addition of the following language: "As an alternative when no pre-existing dwelling exists, the landowner may temporarily seek shelter within a personal self-contained recreational vehicle, which contains plumbing facilities, during construction of a permanent dwelling. A pop-up camper or RV that does not have such facilities included within, shall not be permitted. Such temporary recreational vehicle shall be connected to electricity, water and septic or sewer with proof of proper connections and permitting with the utility providers. The building inspector shall perform an inspection to check compliance with such electric/water/sewer requirements prior to the RV being occupied. Such temporary recreational vehicle shall be permitted for six (6) months during the construction with an active and approved building permit. The Building Official may extend the temporary dwelling permit so long as the building permit remains active, and progress is being made on the construction of the permanent dwelling."

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Item 18
Resolution No. 2024-11-16

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Approved this 21st day of November 2024.

Reviewed by Chairman: John T. Gardner
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 26th day of November 2024, at or about the following time 8:30 am by the following method: hand delivered.

Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

Item 18
Resolution No. 2024-11-16

Mayor declines to sign BSV

County: Mayor declined to sign
Mayor, Sullivan County 39
County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

by Commission or his designee this the _____
or about the following time _____ by the
method: _____

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Jessica Means
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover; Commissioner Matt Slagle; Commissioner Joe Carr; Commissioner Joseph McMurray; Commissioner Dwight King; Commissioner Cheryl Harvey; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Travis Ward; Commissioner Hunter Locke

Resolution No. 2024-11-16 ACTIONS: 11/21/24 Approved on Waiver of Rules 19 Yes, 1 Abstain, 4 Absent



Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission November 21 2024

11/21/2024

52 Item 18 Resolution No. 2024-11-16 Sponsors: Means/Vanover
Vote

Description

RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF A ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT TO ADD PERSONAL SELF-CONTAINED RECREATIONAL VEHICLE AS AN ALTERNATIVE TEMPORARY DWELLING UNIT IN CASES OF SPECIAL HARDSHIP OR DURING CONSTRUCTION OF A PERMANENT DWELLING FOR UP TO SIX MONTHS, IN ANY AGRICULTURAL OR RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH ACTIVE CONSTRUCTION AND AN APPROVED BUILDING PERMIT.

Chairman

Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 8:32:14 PM
Voting stop time 8:32:32 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	19
Abstain	1
No	0
Total Present	20
Absent	4

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Abstain	Absent
No group	19	1	0
Total result	19	1	0

Individual voting result

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()				X
Calton, Darlene ()				X
Carr, Joe ()	X			
Cole, Michael ()	X			
Crawford, Larry ()	X			
Cross, Andrew ()	X			
Crosswhite, Joyce ()	X			
Gardner, John ()	X			
Glover, Hershel ()	X			
Harvey, Cheryl ()	X			
Hayes, David ()	X			
Horne, Daniel ()				X
Ireson, Mark ()	X			
Jones, Sam ()		X		
King, Dwight ()	X			
Leonard, Tony ()	X			
Locke, Hunter ()	X			
McMurray, Joe ()	X			
Means, Jessica ()	X			
Pierce, Archie ()	X			
Slagle, Matt ()	X			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()				X

*Sullivan County
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244th Annual Session*

**Item 19
Resolution No. 2024-11-17**

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of November 2024.

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE COUNTY COMMISSION'S TOTAL OPPOSITION TO A RIVER OVERLAY DISTRICT AND ANY OTHER MEASURES THAT WOULD ENCUMBER OR IMPEDE THE PROPERTY RIGHTS OF OUR CITIZENS ON THE SOUTH FORK OF THE HOLSTON RIVER.

WHEREAS, in response to citizen concerns about too many cabins being built and the river becoming spoiled by trash, a one-year zoning moratorium was instituted by the Commission,

WHEREAS, after one year and much study, it was determined that no changes to zoning were needed,

WHEREAS, despite the end of the moratorium and the conclusion of the study, many residents on the river are deeply concerned about the prospect of a river overlay district being imposed on them, which would be a detriment to both landowners and our farmers,

WHEREAS, many residents are also concerned about repeated mention of an Overmountain Victory Trail in several studies across several years, and want further reassurance that no use of eminent domain will be taken upon their land,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Sullivan County Commission expresses complete and total opposition to a river overlay district

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the county commission expresses complete and total opposition to the use of eminent domain and or easements to establish a hiking trail along the Holston River.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sullivan County Commission requests that this resolution be taken into consideration by any current and future planning commission when action along the Holston River is being considered.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Approved this 21st day of November 2024.

Reviewed by Chairman: _____

John T. Gardner
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: _____

Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk



Item 19

Resolution No. 2024-11-17

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 26th day of November, 2024 at or about the following time 8:30 am by the following method: hand delivered

Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

Item 19

Resolution No. 2024-11-17

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: Richard S. Venable
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joe Carr
Cosponsors: Commissioner Dwight King; Commissioner Hershel Glover; Commissioner Matt Slagle; Commissioner Cheryl Harvey; Commissioner Zane Vanover; Commissioner Jessica Means; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson

Resolution No. 2024-11-17 ACTIONS: 11/21/24 Approved on Waiver of Rules 20 Yes, 4 Absent



Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission November 21 2024

11/21/2024

53 Item 19 Resolution No. 2024-11-17 Sponsors: Carr/King
Vote

Description

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE COUNTY COMMISSION'S TOTAL OPPOSITION TO A RIVER OVERLAY DISTRICT AND ANY OTHER MEASURES THAT WOULD ENCUMBER OR IMPEDE THE PROPERTY RIGHTS OF OUR CITIZENS ON THE SOUTH FORK OF THE HOLSTON RIVER.

Chairman

Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 8:37:00 PM
Voting stop time 8:37:20 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	20
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	20
Absent	4

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	20	0
Total result		20 94

Individual voting result

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()				X
Calton, Darlene ()				X
Carr, Joe ()	X			
Cole, Michael ()	X			
Crawford, Larry ()	X			
Cross, Andrew ()	X			
Crosswhite, Joyce ()	X			
Gardner, John ()	X			
Glover, Hershel ()	X			
Harvey, Cheryl ()	X			
Hayes, David ()	X			
Horne, Daniel ()				X
Ireson, Mark ()	X			
Jones, Sam ()	X			
King, Dwight ()	X			
Leonard, Tony ()	X			
Locke, Hunter ()	X			
McMurray, Joe ()	X			
Means, Jessica ()	X			
Pierce, Archie ()	X			
Slagle, Matt ()	X			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()				X

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**Item 20
Resolution No. 2024-11-18**

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of November 2024.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF OPIOID ABATEMENT/SETTLEMENT FUNDS FROM THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND (121).

WHEREAS, Sullivan County has received Opioid Abatement funds totaling \$1,456,380 and Opioid Settlement funds totaling \$1,117,210; and

WHEREAS, these funds have been receipted and accounted for in the County’s General Fund (101); and

WHEREAS, Opioid settlement and abatement funds should be managed separately from all other government funds to ensure transparency, accountability, and compliance with applicable financial regulations; and

WHEREAS, Opioid Settlement Fund is the appropriate place for the resources being transferred to facilitate proper tracking and reporting;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the FY2024-2025 budget to allow for the transferring Opioid settlement of \$1,117,210 and abatement funds of \$1,456,380 from the General Fund (101) and the Opioid Settlement Fund (121). Account codes to be assigned by the Sullivan County Finance Department.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

Hereby approved this 21st day of November 2024.

Reviewed by Chairman: John T. Gardner

John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk



Item 20
Resolution No. 2024-11-18

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 26th day of November, 2024, at or about the following time 8:30 am by the following method: hand delivered.

Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

Item 20
Resolution No. 2024-11-18

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: Richard A. Venalile
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsor: Commissioner Darlene Calton

Resolution No. 2024-11-18 ACTIONS: Approved on Waiver of Rules 20 Yes, 4 Absent



Agenda subject voting report

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Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission November 21 2024

11/21/2024

54 Item 20 Resolution No. 2024-11-18 Sponsors: Crosswhite/Calton
Vote

Description

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF OPIOID ABATEMENT/SETTLEMENT FUNDS FROM THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND (121).

Chairman

Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 8:38:53 PM
Voting stop time 8:39:16 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	20
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	20
Absent	4

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	20	0
Total result	20	04

Individual voting result

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()				X
Calton, Darlene ()				X
Carr, Joe ()	X			
Cole, Michael ()	X			
Crawford, Larry ()	X			
Cross, Andrew ()	X			
Crosswhite, Joyce ()	X			
Gardner, John ()	X			
Glover, Hershel ()	X			
Harvey, Cheryl ()	X			
Hayes, David ()	X			
Horne, Daniel ()				X
Ireson, Mark ()	X			
Jones, Sam ()	X			
King, Dwight ()	X			
Leonard, Tony ()	X			
Locke, Hunter ()	X			
McMurray, Joe ()	X			
Means, Jessica ()	X			
Pierce, Archie ()	X			
Slagle, Matt ()	X			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()				X

Sullivan County
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Item 21
Resolution No. 2024-11-19

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of November 2024.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN ORDER FORM AND TWO-YEAR MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN SULLIVAN COUNTY AND EAGLEVIEW TO PROVIDE AERIAL IMAGERY TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY PROPERTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE WITH \$182,362.50 DUE AT INITIAL ACTIVATION OF SERVICES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Property Assessor's Office will greatly benefit from updated aerial imagery provided by EagleView; and

WHEREAS, the services provided under the order form and two-year maintenance agreement will increase proficiency in collection of information which ultimately generates revenue for the county and its cities through identification of new and expanded structures not always evident from roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Sullivan County Commission authorizes the County Mayor, Property Assessor, Finance Department and Purchasing Agent to take the necessary steps to complete the process required to purchase from and contract with EagleView to provide aerial imagery to Sullivan County for use by the Property Assessor's Office.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Approved this 21st day of November 2024.

Reviewed by Chairman: John T. Gardner
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 26th day of November, 2024, at or about the following time 8:30 am by the following method: hand delivered

Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk



ACTION BY MAYOR

Item 21
Resolution No. 2024-11-19

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: Richard S. Vinale
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____
day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the
following _____ method:

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Mark Ireson
Cosponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover

Resolution No. 2024-11-19 ACTIONS: Approved on Waiver of Rules 17 Yes, 3 No, 4 Absent



Agenda subject voting report

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Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission November 21 2024

11/21/2024

55 Item 21 Resolution No. 2024-11-19 Sponsors: Ireson/Vanover
Vote

Description

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN ORDER FORM AND TWO-YEAR MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN SULLIVAN COUNTY AND EAGLEVIEW TO PROVIDE AERIAL IMAGERY TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY PROPERTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE WITH \$182,362.50 DUE AT INITIAL ACTIVATION OF SERVICES.

Chairman

Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 8:48:45 PM
Voting stop time 8:49:08 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	17
Abstain	0
No	3
Total Present	20
Absent	4

Group voting result

Group	Yes	No	Absent
No group	17	3	0
Total result	17	3	4

Individual voting result

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()				X
Calton, Darlene ()				X
Carr, Joe ()			X	
Cole, Michael ()	X			
Crawford, Larry ()	X			
Cross, Andrew ()	X			
Crosswhite, Joyce ()	X			
Gardner, John ()	X			
Glover, Hershel ()			X	
Harvey, Cheryl ()	X			
Hayes, David ()			X	
Horne, Daniel ()				X
Ireson, Mark ()	X			
Jones, Sam ()	X			
King, Dwight ()	X			
Leonard, Tony ()	X			
Locke, Hunter ()	X			
McMurray, Joe ()	X			
Means, Jessica ()	X			
Pierce, Archie ()	X			
Slagle, Matt ()	X			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()				X

5-Year Improvement Plan per Federal Land Access Program Grant

Below is an outline of the Purposes and Needs to be fulfilled per the FLAP Grant Specifications:

Safety Benefits: Will the project improve safety for all users: pedestrians, bicycles, motor vehicles, etc.?

- Rebuilding handicap ramps to bath/restroom and shelters as needed to meet the federal ADA requirements (reference the 2018-2028 ADA Transition Plan as adopted by County Commission)
- Patch, seal and/or resurface and expand any internal roadway and parking areas that are out of compliance with ADA/Handicap accessibility for parking spaces, ramps to shelters, office, etc.
- Restripe improved central parking area to include designated bike/pedestrian side path along the perimeter of central parking area, and campground internal roads to accommodate shared use of roadways (drivers, walking and biking for camper guests) (see map);
- Add proper ADA/Handicap signage where deficient for designated parking spaces

Accessibility and Mobility Benefits: How will the plan improved other modes of transportation such as walking/hiking trails, bike lanes and enhance visitor mobility and accessibility?

- See above tasks that also serve to meet the accessibility and mobility benefits
- Enhance the pedestrian pathways and extend within the campground where none exist to separate motor vehicles from pedestrians (camper guests and other users)
- Add walking trail from entrance off Hwy 44 to connect to campground walking path.
- Add signage for existing primitive trail from the top of parking area in the rear to connect to the Overlook Point and connect back to the Knights of Columbus sponsored shelter (existing primitive trail, needs maintenance and way-finding signage – NOT ADA accessible, which is okay as long as it is designated at primitive walking trail – alert the user)

Preservation Benefits: How will the project contribute to the protection of specific natural, cultural, historic and/or scenic resources?

- Opportunity to install way finding/historic interpretive signage at the entrance as the park connects to the Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail – primary route (refer to Overmountain Trail Master Plan of 2018, for which County helped sponsor as a NPS partner)
- Add improvements to the existing main shelter, Amphitheatre and future playground area that can serve as an Event Venue for the annual public Overmountain Heritage Events/Storytelling/Public Education and Outdoor Classroom/Field Trip facility (currently held only at Rocky Mount State Historical Center and Sycamore Shoals)
- Improve visitor access and use by offering enhanced programming and venue space – as separate from the campground. Enhanced public spaces as outlined in the grant and concept plan will draw in more tourists and outdoor enthusiasts in addition to the current campers and fishermen.
- Shoreline restoration along the beach/swim access area and other critical locations where the lake banks have eroded. Adding quarried stone (rip rap) and natural non-invasive shoreline vegetation will deter erosion and decrease maintenance costs of mowing and weedeating. Weed-eating the shoreline down to the quick of the grass is not ideal for shoreline stabilization. Native aquatic plants, such as tiger lilies will aid in the protection of the shoreline and enhance the landscape while reducing labor in maintenance.

Shoreline restoration in areas that have already had rip rap, will not require a permit from TDEC and TVA. Shoreline restoration in areas that have never been treated will need to be engineered, requires a 26A Permit and TDEC/US Army Corps of Engineers review. Staff will work with partnering agencies and consulting engineer to configure best solutions.

- Additional cultural, historic and scenic enhancements are outlined above as cross over of benefits between each Grant Task

Economic Development Benefits: How will this project influence economic development. How will this project address visitor mobility, access and experiences?

- The grant improvements identified above and on the concept plan shall be used in all common areas in order to attract more hikers, cyclists, students and planned events IN ADDITION to the growing need for camper guests and boater/angler users. By adding and enhancing the assets to expand interest of different users, the park will achieve a great number of day-use passes and thus expanding opportunities for different types of tourists and users.
- The park has been identified as potential venue for outdoor educational programs, heritage events and eco-tourism accommodations, which are growing trends for staycation and vacation planning. Enhancing the assets and programming will broaden the experiences for current and future users of the park, ensuring repeat customers as well as expanding the geographical draw.

Sustainability and Environmental Quality Benefits: How will the proposed project avoid/minimize/mitigate potential impacts to environmental or cultural resources? Will the project improve fish passage and/or wildlife connectivity? Will the project contribute to the use of sustainable energy source for additional multi-modal transportation (biking, hiking, etc.)

- The project tasks will support the TVA Land Management Plan and ensure continuous public recreational access, shoreline restoration, preservation of shoreline vegetation as identified by TVA and park staff.
- The project serves as a vital reinvestment of the public access area to relieve the existing county budget to just daily park operations. The project grant funding serves as additional funding for otherwise not budgeted capital improvements.
- The project will ensure shoreline restoration with rip rap and natural vegetation per land management plan guidelines, no-wake zones improved, and added designated walking paths.
- See above tasks (cross over of goals)

5-year Plan – Tasks by Year

- **Year 1** – Contract with Consulting Engineer to Prepare NEPA documents (environmental clearance and permits) and Pre-Engineering/Design; Obtain Notice to Proceed for Final Engineering Plans and Permits;
- **Year 2** – Obtain Notice to Proceed for Construction; Begin ADA Improvement Tasks – ramps, railings, ADA handicap spots, signage, etc.; primitive trail maintenance and signage; restripe walk/bike side use path along paved interior roadways and parking; shoreline restoration and swim platform at swim/beach area;
- **Year 3** – Entrance Signage, extend walking trail from Hwy 44 to connect to camper sites; Camp Store remodel, build ADA Accessible Camp Office
- **Year 4** – Build All-Inclusive Frontier Style Playground and Storywalk Park adjacent to Amphitheatre Common area, improve main public shelter (future outdoor classroom, public events space utilizing existing and enhanced facilities)

From: scattorney@scattorney.us <scattorney@scattorney.us>
Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2024 2:59 PM
To: County Attorney Asst. <scattorney1@scattorney.us>
Subject: Review of Baby Box Agreement

Commissioners:

I write regarding my review of the "Lease and Service Agreement" ["Agreement"] with Safe Haven Baby Boxes, Inc. The Agreement was emailed to me directly from Safe Haven Baby Boxes, Inc., so I wasn't sure who to give my legal thoughts to. Since the Resolution was sponsored or co-sponsored by all those voting in the affirmative, I have just decided to give my thoughts to all of you.

Let me jump to my main point: Sullivan County cannot sign this Agreement, install the Baby Box at Bloomingdale Volunteer Fire Department and assume Bloomingdale Volunteer Fire Department will take care of everything. The Agreement with Safe Haven Baby Box, Inc. and the law of the State of Tennessee impose very serious responsibilities on Sullivan County. The potential damages related to the surrender of a newborn are very high. In as much as Sullivan County is the one entering into the Agreement with Safe Haven Baby Boxes, Inc., legally, it will be Sullivan County who is operating the Baby Box and thus Sullivan County will be legally responsible.

I think the County needs to do two things. 1) Designate some Sullivan County employee or some Sullivan County office or position to hereafter be responsible for seeing that the responsibilities under the Agreement and the responsibility under the law of the State of Tennessee are complied with. 2) Sullivan County should enter into a contract with Bloomingdale Volunteer Fire Department wherein the fire department agrees to comply with the responsibilities imposed under the Agreement between Sullivan County and Safe Haven Baby Boxes, Inc. and the law of the State of Tennessee. Of course, it remains to be seen whether Bloomingdale Volunteer Fire Department will agree to such terms (as I said, they are quite imposing).

Of course, a solution would be to let Safe Haven Baby Boxes, Inc. enter into the agreement with Bloomingdale Volunteer Fire Department directly and leave Sullivan County out. Of course, whether Safe Haven Baby Boxes, Inc. and Bloomingdale Volunteer Fire Department would agree to that set up remains to be seen.

I am attaching hereto a copy of the "Lease and Service Agreement" sent to me by Safe Haven Baby Boxes, Inc. upon which I have highlighted in yellow language that I find to be important and upon which I have highlighted and underlined in red language that I find to be even more important. As you will see, I have highlighted and underlined most of it. I don't want to be imposing, but I think if you could just review the Agreement, you will see that the Agreement imposes serious responsibilities on Sullivan County.

Because I have highlighted most of the Agreement, I can't go over everything in this email; however, I will mention a couple of things.

I have also attached herewith some of the Tennessee Statutes which I think are relevant. I have highlighted in bold some of the imposing language.

I have asked our insurance provider to confirm liability coverage for Sullivan County in as much as Sullivan County is the one entering into the Agreement with Safe Haven Baby Boxes, Inc. As I said, legally, it will be Sullivan County who has entered into the Agreement with Safe Haven Baby Boxes, Inc. and thus it will be Sullivan County who is operating the Baby Box; thus

Sullivan County will be legally responsible. The Agreement requires Sullivan County to maintain \$1 million per occurrence and \$2 million aggregate (total coverage) plus an umbrella policy of \$2 million. The way I read the language, that equates to a total of \$4 million in coverage. I have not heard back from our insurance as to whether our insurance will cover our activities with Baby Box and Bloomingdale Volunteer Fire Department. Our insurance has, however, confirmed that Sullivan County only has \$2 million in coverage. Thus we cannot comply with the mandatory \$4 million in coverage. If we are told that our insurance will cover us, we will have to either change the Agreement with Safe Haven Baby Boxes, Inc. to reflect the lesser coverage or increase our coverage.

The Agreement is between Safe Haven Baby Boxes, Inc. and Sullivan County. It calls for the location of the Baby Box on Sullivan County premises. The Agreement needs to be modified to show that the Baby Box will not be placed on Sullivan County premises but instead on the premises of a 3rd party – Bloomingdale Volunteer Fire Department. Safe Haven Baby Boxes, Inc. will need to agree to this set up.

The Agreement is very imposing regarding the obligation of Sullivan County to maintain and check the Baby Box regularly and often, and to keep records of such. Sullivan County would, I assume, have to pass that obligation onto Bloomingdale Volunteer Fire Department; however, Sullivan County would still be liable to make sure the Agreement and the law of the State of Tennessee are complied with. It remains to be seen whether Bloomindale would agree to such obligations.

The Agreement and the law of the State of Tennessee require that a licensed emergency medical services provider be onsite 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. I don't know if that will pose a problem for Bloomingdale Volunteer Fire Department.

The Agreement and the law set forth specifics as to what "shall" be done in preparation for and upon the surrender of a child. Bloomingdale Volunteer Fire Department would have to see that the specifics are met, and Sullivan County would have to see that the specifics are met.

Failure to comply with the Agreement and/or the law could impose serious liability on Sullivan County.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Dan

BABY BOX

Some of the Tennessee State Statutes

1. TCA 68-11-255(a)(4): "Newborn safety device" means a device:
 - (A) Designed to permit a mother to anonymously place a newborn infant aged fourteen (14) days or younger in the device **with the intent to leave the newborn infant for an emergency medical services provider to remove the newborn infant from the device** and take custody of the newborn infant;
 - (B) **Installed with an adequate dual alarm system** connected to the physical location where the device is installed. **The dual alarm system must be:**
 - (i) Tested at least once per month to ensure the alarm system is in working order; and
 - (ii) Visually checked at least twice per day to ensure the alarm system is in working order;
 - (C) Approved by and located inside a participating police station, **fire station**, hospital, nursing home, or emergency communications center **that is:**
 - (i) Licensed or otherwise legally operating in this state; and
 - (ii) **Staffed continuously on a twenty-four (24) hour basis every day by a licensed emergency medical services provider;** and
 - (D) Located in an area that is conspicuous and visible to staff of the police station, fire station, hospital, nursing home, or emergency communications center where the newborn safety device is located."
2. Fire Department must be staffed 24 hours a day. TCA 68-11-255(a)(2).
3. TCA 68-11-255(c): "The facility, a facility employee, and a member of the professional medical community at such facility **shall** inquire, whenever possible, about the medical history of the mother and the newborn infant. The facility **shall** also inform the mother that the mother is not required to respond. **Information obtained concerning the identity of the mother, newborn infant, or other parent must be kept confidential and may be disclosed only to the department of children's services** for use consistent with the purposes of this section and §§ 36-1-142 and 36-2-318. **If practicable**, the facility **shall** also provide the mother with both orally delivered and written information concerning the requirements of this section and §§ 36-1-142 and 36-2-318 relating to recovery of the newborn infant an abandonment of the newborn infant."
4. TCA 68-11-255(d)
 - (1): A mother **has the right to remain anonymous, shall not be pursued**, and shall not be considered to have endangered a newborn infant under title 39, chapter 15, part 4 if the mother places the newborn infant:
 - (A)
 - (i) With an emergency medical services provider;
 - (ii) At a facility; or
 - (iii) Inside a newborn safety device; and
 - (B) Expresses no intent to return to the newborn infant.
 - (2) **This subsection (d) does not apply when indicators of child abuse or child neglect are present."**

5. TCA 68-11-255(e): "The facility, a facility employee, and a member of the professional medical community at the facility **shall perform any act necessary to protect the physical health and safety of the newborn infant.**"
6. TCA 68-11-255(f): "The facility employee or member of the professional medical community at the facility who accepts physical custody of the newborn infant, or who physically retrieves a newborn infant from a newborn safety device that meets the requirements of the section, shall immediately arrange for the newborn infant to be taken to the nearest hospital emergency room and shall have implied consent to any and all appropriate medical treatment. The hospital shall immediately notify the department of children's services that the surrendered newborn infant is at the hospital. Upon notification, the department shall immediately assume care, custody, and control of the newborn infant."
7. TCA 36-1-142(a): "Notwithstanding a law to the contrary and without complying with the surrender provision of this part, a facility or newborn safety device, as defined in § 68-11-255, **shall receive possession** of an infant aged fourteen (14) days or younger upon the voluntary delivery of the infant by the infant's mother, pursuant to § 68-11-255."
8. TCA 36-1-142(b): "The facility, a facility employee, or a member of the professional medical community at such facility, **shall** notify the department of children's services immediately after taking possession of an infant under this section. Upon notification, the department or the department's authorized designee shall immediately assume the care, custody, and control of such infant and shall petition the appropriate court for legal custody of such infant."
9. TCA 36-1-142(c): "The facility, a facility employee, or a member of the professional medical community at such facility **shall** notify the office of vital records of the voluntary delivery of the infant in accordance with this section and § 68-11-255. The office of vital records shall issue a birth certificate for the child in accordance with § 68-3-307, which will supersede and invalidate any previously issued birth certificate."

LEASE AND SERVICE AGREEMENT

THIS LEASE AND SERVICE AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made and entered into effect as of _____, 202_ by and between Safe Haven Baby Boxes, Inc., an Indiana nonprofit corporation, ("SHBB") and the _____ ("Provider").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, SHBB is a nonprofit educational organization that provides information and services related to child welfare, safe haven laws, initiation and implementation of newborn safety devices ("Safety Device"), and awareness related to preventing child abandonment.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code §68-11-255, *et al* (the "Safe Haven Laws"), provides certain protections to local hospitals, EMS facilities, fire departments, and law enforcement facilities that install a newborn safety device (the "Safety Device");

WHEREAS, Provider desires to install a Safety Device on ~~Provider's premises~~? pursuant to the Safe Haven Laws; and

WHEREAS, SHBB is agreeable to placing a Safety Device to the ~~Provider's premises~~? and undertaking certain services in relation thereto;

WHEREAS, Provider has consulted its legal, financial and insurance related advisors and has confirmed that its location and operation is acceptable under the laws and regulations of its jurisdiction for the placement of a Safety Device;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual terms and premises contained herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the parties agree as follows:

* Section 1. Installation. SHBB shall provide to Provider one (1) Safety Device for installation by Provider on the premises located at (Insert location information and address). Delivery of the Safety Device shall be the expense of the Provider. ~~SHBB has the option at any time to oversee the installation of the Safety Device and advise as to installation on the appropriate placement to maximize awareness and implementation of its educational objectives as set forth in this Agreement. SHBB and Provider agree to cooperate with respect to the appropriate third-party contractors for the placement of the Safety Device and to ensure that such third-party has the appropriate skill and knowledge for constructing improvements to Provider's facility. Provider is to pay for all installation costs and expenses for labor and/or materials. Provider is responsible for compliance with all applicable federal, state, and municipal or local laws, rules, and regulations and all laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to permitting requirements for the installation of the Safety Device. Provider agrees to abide by the policies and procedures for installation as outlined in Exhibit "A" (the "Policies and Procedures") of this Agreement, which is hereby made a substantive part of this Agreement by reference.~~ ?

Section 2. Services by SHBB. SHBB shall provide annual services related to the performance of this Agreement. Such services shall include: (1) providing educational materials to Provider and policies and procedures relating to the maintenance of the Safety Device to Provider; (2) operating a toll-free phone number for the general public to utilize in emergency situations involving abandoned children or issues related thereto; (3) educating emergency services personnel related to the use of the Safety Device; (4) providing educational information to the general public regarding the location and awareness of the Safety Device at the Provider's facility as well as other educational resources related to child welfare advocacy and safe haven law awareness; (5) provide at minimum annual inspection and maintenance on the Safety Device; and (6) ~~Will exclusively repair or replace parts if/when the Safety Device is malfunctioning at expense of Provider~~ as set forth under Section 4 of this Agreement and as otherwise provided in this Agreement (collectively the "Services").

Section 3. Lease and Service Term. ~~The term of this Agreement shall be for five (5) years ("Term")~~ and shall renew for successive five (5) year terms upon the mutual agreement of terms, fees, and conditions or unless terminated in accordance with Section 9 below or as otherwise agreed to by the parties

Section 4. Consideration. In consideration for leasing the Safety Device and providing the Services described under Sections 1 and 2 above, ~~Provider agrees to pay SHBB an initial fee of Fifteen Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$15,000.00), unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties under Section 3 of this Agreement, (Provider shall pay a renewal fee of Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$500.00) for each successive Term under this agreement, due within thirty (30) days of the start of each successive Term. Additionally, Provider shall pay an annual fee of Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$500.00) and other associated expenses as determined from time to time by SHBB on January 1 of every year that this Agreement is in force. The foregoing fees and expenses include but are not limited to the services and expenses listed in the Services, Fees, and Expenses Schedule attached hereto as Exhibit "B".~~

Section 5. Obligations of Provider. ~~In addition to any and all other obligations of the Provider set forth herein, Provider agrees to follow all policies and procedures provided by SHBB which may change from time to time. SHBB shall provide thirty (30) days prior Notice to Provider. Such policies and procedures are included as Exhibit A to this Agreement and by way of Provider's signature hereto, shall evidence Provider's acknowledgement and receipt of the Policies and Procedures. Provider agrees to maintain the Safety Device in good working order, the costs of which are to be borne by Provider. Provider agrees to not change, add to, subtract from, all or rebrand, or otherwise modify the Safety Device and accompanying signage as set forth in Exhibit A in any manner whatsoever without the prior written approval of SHBB. Provider agrees to use best efforts to prevent any third parties from adding to, subtracting from, altering, rebranding, or otherwise modifying the Safety Device and accompanying materials/signage as set forth in Exhibit A in any manner whatsoever without prior written approval by SHBB. Provider agrees to immediately~~

~~notify SHBB of any modification to the Safety Device. Provider agrees to accept complete liability for any and all unapproved modifications to the Safety Device and any and all unapproved modifications to accompanying parts of the Safety Device, including required signage/materials. Provider agrees to accept complete liability for modifications to the Safety Device which are the result of its own actions, omissions, and/or failure to use best efforts to maintain the Safety Device in good working order, or best efforts to prevent any modifications to the Safety Device by a third party. Provider shall refer to the Safety Device as a "Safe Haven Baby Box". Further, Provider shall procure and maintain a twenty-four (24) hour alarm monitoring of the Safety Device at all times and shall confirm with SHBB that such service is acceptable. Should alarm monitoring service be disconnected for any reason, Provider shall immediately notify SHBB and shall secure the Safety Device by locking its exterior door and removing all signage and materials related to its use and functionality.~~ SHBB may, but is not required to, inspect the Safety Device at any time, including, but not limited to: to ensure that it is in good working order, to ensure proper branding and signage is being displayed, and to conduct tests related to its functionality and monitoring and alarm systems.

~~IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT ANY MALFUNCTION, IDENTIFIED WITH RESPECT TO THE SAFETY DEVICE OR ANY DISCONNECTION IN THE SAFETY DEVICE MONITORING SYSTEM RESULT IN THE IMMEDIATE SECURING AND LOCKING OF THE SAFETY DEVICE SO THAT IT MAY NOT BE USED BY THE PUBLIC DURING THIS TIME PERIOD. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN A THREAT OF BODILY HARM OR DEATH TO AN INFANT PLACED IN THE SAFETY DEVICE DURING ANY PERIOD OF TIME IN WHICH THE SAFETY DEVICE IS MALFUNCTIONING OR NOT.~~

Section 6. Representations and Warranties.

- A. Representations & Warranties of Provider. Provider represents and warrants that the undersigned is a duly acting and authorized agent of Provider who is empowered to execute this Agreement with full authority of Provider. Further, Provider has undertaken a reasonable investigation into the laws and regulations governing the jurisdiction with which it intends to place the Safety Device and has confirmed that such placement and administration of the Safety Device does not violate any provision of any law, ordinance, governmental regulation, court order or other similar governmental controls.
- B. Representations & Warranties of SHBB. SHBB represents and warrants that the undersigned is a duly acting and authorized agent of SHBB who is empowered to execute this Agreement with full authority of SHBB. Further, SHBB has full ownership of the Safety Device.

SHBB REPRESENTS THAT THE SAFETY DEVICE IS NOT A MEDICAL DEVICE AND HAS CONFIRMED SUCH WITH THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION. SHBB REPRESENTS THAT THE SAFETY DEVICE IS NOT INTENDED AS A CONSUMER PRODUCT AND THUS IS NOT REGISTERED WITH THE CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION. SHBB FURTHER REPRESENTS THAT THE SAFETY DEVICE IS NOT REGISTERED WITH THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION AND/OR THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION. SHBB REPRESENTS THAT THE SAFETY DEVICE IS NOT TESTED BY NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED TESTING LABORATORIES PROGRAM.

~~Section 7. Insurance. Provider agrees to procure and maintain in full force and effect at all times during the term of this Agreement and any renewals thereof at its own cost and expense a policy or policies of comprehensive commercial general liability insurance on an occurrence basis in the amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence/\$2,000,000 aggregate and a \$2,000,000 limit umbrella coverage related to the Safety Device's placement and operation on/about Provider's facility against all loss, damage or liability for personal injury or death of any person or loss or damage to property occurring in upon or about the Safety Device during the term of this Agreement and all extensions thereof. This insurance policy shall not be a separate policy solely because of this Agreement but rather will be part of the [City/Hospital's master general liability and umbrella policies. SHBB's liability as to the Safety Device in relation to the Provider under this Agreement is covered under [City/Hospital's master general liability and umbrella policies.~~

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Section 8. Indemnification. Provider agrees to defend and indemnify, protect and hold harmless SHBB, its officers, directors, employees, volunteers, independent contractors, agents and all other persons and related entities thereof against any loss, claim at law or equity, cause of action, expenses, damages or any other liability (collectively, "Claim") arising in relation to and to the extent of the indemnifying Provider's gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct, whether acts or omissions, in the installment, placement, removal, use, and maintenance of the Safety Device in, on, or about Provider's facility or premises.

Section 9. Termination. Provider may terminate this Agreement upon sixty (60) days prior written notice from Provider to SHBB. SHBB may terminate this Agreement for any reason specified under Section 10, below. ~~At the point of termination of this Agreement, Provider shall secure and lock the safety device and remove all signage provided by SHBB. Provider shall place new visible signage denoting that the Safety Device is not functional and that any person desiring to utilize the Safety Device should instead contact emergency services. If Provider removes the Safety Device then it shall make arrangements with SHBB for its conveyance or retrieval to SHBB.~~ SHBB shall not be obligated to remove the Safety Device; however, at any time after

at any time and for any or no reason

this Agreement has terminated, SHBB may, at its sole discretion, notify Provider that it intends to remove and recover the Safety Device. Under such circumstances, Provider agrees to cooperate with SHBB in the retrieval of the Safety Device, the expenses of which shall be borne by SHBB, so long as expenses do not exceed \$500 and unless the termination of this Agreement was under Section 10, below, in which case the costs hereunder shall be borne by Provider.

Section 10. Remedies.

A. **Option to Cure.** Any uncured breach of this Agreement by Provider shall give SHBB the option of immediately terminating this Agreement and retrieving the Safety Device from Provider's facility ~~at Provider's own cost and expense.~~ ~~If Provider is notified by SHBB that the Safety Device is not properly functional or lacks monitoring required by this Agreement, then SHBB may order the Safety Device secured and locked until further inspection.~~ Provider shall have thirty (30) days to cure any lack of monitoring or improper functioning of the Safety Device, such time may be extended by any delay attributable to SHBB. If Provider does not cure any lack of monitoring or improper functioning of the Safety Device within the initial thirty (30) day period upon SHBB's review and report, Provider may have an additional thirty (30) days to cure any breach. If Provider fails to cure any breach of this Agreement after two attempts to cure as set forth above, SHBB may terminate this Agreement if it concludes in its sole discretion that Provider has not upheld its obligations under this Agreement. Any breach of this Agreement by Provider which has not been cured by Provider within thirty (30) days after notice received from SHBB shall give SHBB the option of terminating this Agreement and retrieving the Safety Device from Provider's facility at Provider's own cost and expense.

B. **Attorneys' fees.** Attorneys' fees, costs and expenses, shall be awarded to the prevailing party for any dispute relating to or arising from this Agreement.

Section 11. Ownership of Safety Device. ~~Provider agrees and acknowledges that ownership of the Safety Device remains with SHBB and this Agreement is merely a services and lease agreement. Provider shall not sell or otherwise transfer the Safety Device during or after the term of this Agreement without the specific written consent of SHBB.~~

Section 12. Disclaimer and Limitation of Warranties.

Under SHBB neither assumes nor authorizes any other person associated or related by legal right, corporate entity, governmental entity, or any other entity associated or related by legal right to assume for it, or any other liability in connection with the lease of the Safety Device. There are no warranties which extend beyond the terms of this

Agreement, unless otherwise stated or provided for herein or by law via preemption. These warranties shall not apply to the Safety Device or improvements, restoration, repair, remodel, modifications, and/or any other construction work on the Safety Device, related to the Safety Device, or any other part thereof which has been subject to accident, negligence, alteration, abuse or misuse. SHBB makes no warranty whatsoever with respect to accessories or parts not supplied by it.

Section 13. Miscellaneous.

- A. Notice. Notice is effective when made in writing and sent to the parties' addresses or by email. Notice will be considered given as of the date of mailing.

SHBB Notice shall be given to:

Safe Haven Baby Boxes
 Attn: Monica Kelsey
 P.O. Box 185
 Woodburn, IN 46797

Provider Notice shall be given to:

- B. Assignability. This Agreement is binding and benefits the successors and assignees of the Provider, which includes any entity with which the Provider may merge or consolidate, or to which it may transfer substantially all of its assets or equity interests. Provider shall not transfer or assign this Agreement, however, without the specific written consent of SHBB, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

- C. Governing Law/Jurisdiction. ~~The validity, interpretation, construction, and performance of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of Indiana and Indiana courts. Each Party waives, to the fullest extent it may legally and effectively do so, any objection which it may now or subsequently have to the laying of venue of any claim or dispute at law or equity arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated by it in any Indiana court in Allen County, State of Indiana, United States of America. Parties agree that any and all claims of any kind arising out of and relating to this Agreement if brought in a Court shall be brought in a court in Allen County, State of Indiana, United States of America. Each party waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the defense of an inconvenient forum to the maintenance of such action or proceeding~~

in any such court. Each party agrees and acknowledges that any term not defined herein shall be construed to have its every-day, contextual meaning as defined in the latest editions of the Merriam Webster Dictionary, and if a legal term, Black's Law Dictionary; and should any term, condition, or provision of this Agreement be deemed vague, ambiguous, or confusing, it shall not be construed in favor of either party.

~~D. Integration. This Agreement along with the attached exhibits is the final written expression of the parties' agreement with respect to such terms included and may not be contradicted by evidence of any prior agreement.~~

~~E. No Oral Modification. No change, modification, extension, termination, or waiver of this Agreement, or any of the provisions contained, will be valid unless made in writing and signed by duly authorized representatives of the parties.~~

~~F. Waivers. No waiver of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be valid and enforceable unless such waiver is in writing and signed by the Parties to be charged, and, unless otherwise stated, no such waiver shall constitute a waiver of any other provision or a continuing waiver.~~

G. Severability. In the event that one or more of the provisions of this Agreement shall become invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, the validity, legality, and enforceability of the remaining provisions contained shall not be affected as a whole.

H. Time of the Essence. The Parties expressly recognize that in the performance of their respective obligations under this Agreement and that each Party is relying on timely performance by the other Party and will schedule operations and incur obligations to third parties in reliance upon timely performances by the other Party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be executed and be effective on the date first above written.

"SHBB"

By: _____
 Monica Kelsey, Founder / CEO
 Safe Haven Baby Boxes, Inc.

"PROVIDER"

By: _____

Its: _____

EXHIBIT A

SAFE HAVEN BABY BOXES, INC.
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

I. Purpose:

- A. Safe Haven Baby Boxes, Inc.'s product is the Baby Box. A Baby Box is a safety device provided for under Tennessee Safe Haven Law and legally permits a parent in crisis to safely, securely, and anonymously surrender his or her newborn. A Baby Box is installed in an exterior wall of a designated fire station or hospital. ~~It has an exterior door that automatically locks upon placement of a newborn inside the Baby Box and an interior door which allows a medical staff member to secure the surrendered newborn from inside the designated building.~~

II. Policies:

- A. A Provider is a hospital or site, such as a volunteer fire department, ~~staffed by an emergency services provider on a twenty-four (24) hour, seven (7) day, a week basis~~ and provides a legal location and maintenance for a Safe Haven Baby Box where a newborn may be dropped off by a person who wishes to relinquish custody under the Safe Haven Law of the applicable jurisdiction.
- B. The Baby Box is designed with three independent alarms and is activated:
 1. When the door is accessed from the outside.
 2. When the newborn is placed in the box and activates the motion sensor.
 3. When electrical failure occurs to the Baby Box.

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requires a
licensed emergency
medical
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provider*

III. Generic procedures when the Baby Box is Activated:

- A. ~~Emergency Personnel, including, Firefighters, Police Officers, EMTs, or Paramedics, perform the act of retrieving a newborn and taking said newborn into custody when he or she is voluntarily placed in a box and the parent does not express an intent to return for the newborn.~~
- B. ~~Emergency Personnel who take custody of a newborn shall perform any act necessary to protect the child's health and safety.~~
- C. ~~Emergency Personnel must respond every time an alarm is activated at the Baby Box to verify whether a newborn has been dropped off.~~
- D. Emergency personnel may access the Baby Box on the inside of the Provider's building. ~~An alarm is activated to signal 911 when the door is opened~~ and the newborn may be inside the door area on the prepared bed area.
- E. ~~Newborns will be evaluated by medical personnel at the location and immediately transported to the closest hospital for further evaluation. The~~

evaluation at the hospital will include screenings and examinations by physicians as necessary.

- F. EMS transporting newborn to hospital will notify the hospital personnel that this was a Safe Haven Baby Box newborn surrendered under the current Safe Haven Law.
- G. The hospital supervisor will notify the appropriate state agency and have a social services consult order placed.

IV. Additional Procedures for designated Providers:

- A. All Baby Boxes must be leased from Safe Haven Baby Box, Inc. and may not be re-sold. ~~All Baby Boxes shall remain the property of Safe Haven Baby Boxes, Inc. throughout each and every Term of any Agreement between Provider and Safe Haven Baby Box, Inc.~~
- B. ~~To support the education of, and to avoid confusion in the market, the Baby Box may not be rebranded or called anything but a "Safe Haven Baby Box" or a "Baby Box", or referred to as a "Box".~~
- C. ~~Each Provider will maintain uniform signage purchased from Safe Haven Baby Boxes, Inc. at its own expense. Any additional signage must have prior approval from Safe Haven Baby Boxes, Inc.~~
- D. The Baby Box will be delivered in accordance the following:
 - i Initial fee has been paid to Safe Haven Baby Boxes.
 - ii The Provider location is able to agree to install, test, train personnel, and schedule the unveiling / blessing within sixty (60) days of receipt of the Baby Box.
 - iii Provider understands delivery of the Baby Box will be scheduled 4 to 6 weeks after payment is received and with mutual agreement of the installation and unveiling / blessing dates.
 - iv Provider agrees to arrange for and begin the installation of the baby box within Two (2) weeks after delivery.
- E. ~~The Baby Box will not be announced to the public or otherwise discussed with third parties or go "live" prior to the official unveiling/blessing of the Baby Box, which will be agreed upon prior to going live.~~
- F. ~~The "Go Live" date will be determined after the following:~~
 - i ~~Installation is completed and the alarm system is ready for testing.~~
 - ii ~~Seven consecutive days of successful alarm testing is completed.~~
 - iii ~~Training of staff is completed.~~
 - iv ~~Final inspection is completed.~~
- G. ~~Each Provider must maintain security monitoring at its own expense and may not turn off security monitoring without giving Safe Haven Baby Boxes, Inc. sixty (60) days notice.~~
 - i If a Provider has the service discontinued without Safe Haven Baby Boxes, Inc.'s knowledge, the location is subject to liability.

- ii Pending notice or drop of security monitoring, Safe Haven Baby Box, Inc. will de-activate the non-conforming location.
- H. ~~Each Provider will provide medical information and a copy of parents' rights located in a bag inside the Baby Box. The bag is to be placed on the medical bassinet and leaning against the outside door.~~
- I. ~~Each Provider must test the security/alarm system on the Baby Box at least once a week. Provider must keep a log or record of tests and submit the log or record to Safe Haven Baby Boxes, Inc. quarterly and upon the demand of Safe Haven Baby Box, Inc. The log or record shall list at least the name of the persons testing the Baby Box, the date tested, and the result of the test.~~
- J. ~~Provider will ensure that no video monitoring will occur around the part of the building containing or facing the Baby Box.~~
- K. ~~Provider must perform daily checks of the Baby Box to ensure the presence of a clean fitted bassinet sheet and a blanket.~~
- L. ~~Provider must ensure a climate controlled environment inside the Baby Box maintains a reasonable temperature for a newborn.~~
- M. ~~Each Provider is responsible for training personnel on the use, features, and procedures of the Baby Box. Provider can contact Safe Haven Baby Box, Inc. for group training services.~~
- N. ~~After retrieving a newborn from the Baby Box, the Provider must verify that the door to the Baby Box is secured and closed.~~
- O. ~~After retrieving a newborn from the Baby Box, the Provider must reset the alarm system after deactivation.~~
- P. ~~All safe surrenders are required to be reported to Safe Haven Baby Boxes, Inc. by phone at 888-742-2133 extension 700 and to the local Department of Childrens Services within two (2) hours of the surrender.~~
- Q. In the event that the Agreement with Safe Haven Baby Boxes, Inc. is terminated for whatever reason, Provider is responsible for all costs and expenses of removing respective Baby Boxes at Provider location(s).
- R. ~~Provider is to use best efforts to secure the integrity and good working function of the Baby Box at all times, including upon removal of any Baby Box, if necessary. Damage to Provider's leased Baby Box(es) is compensable to Safe Haven Baby Boxes, Inc. by Provider. Provider is to reimburse Safe Haven Baby Boxes, Inc. for any and all damage to the Baby Box during the pendency of the Agreement and any termination or expiration of it. Any such reimbursements are to be sent within thirty (30) days to the name and address listed in the Notice provision of the Agreement.~~

V. Documentation (Documents & Forms):

A. Documents

- ~~1. Weekly Safe Haven Baby Box alarm system checks~~
- ~~2. All Safe Surrenders by date and time~~

EXHIBIT B
SAVE HAVEN BABY BOXES INC.
SERVICES, FEES, AND EXPENSES SCHEDULE

Initial Fee: \$15,000.00

1. "Pre-installation" Services:
 - a. Assistance with device location placement
 - b. Administrative resources
 - c. Consultation on programs
 - d. Assistance with raising funds to support the cost of the box (optional)
2. Installation Services:
 - a. Inspection of installation via pictures sent electronically
 - b. Training to all emergency personnel
3. Post Installation Services:
 - a. Marketing of the box
 - b. 24/7 hotline available to the community
 - c. Advertising of the box
 - d. Efforts to support raising awareness on a local, state, and national level supporting the box in each community.

Annual Fee: \$500

1. Annual Fee Services
 - a. Recertification of the box by an authorized SHBB technician
 - b. Maintenance of box from expected use
 - c. Unlimited repairs and parts replacement as a result of a malfunction and not as a result of negligence or vandalism.

Term Renewal (every 5 years): \$500.00

1. Beginning five (5) years after the date of the original signed contract and every five (5) years thereafter.

OTHER COSTS TO CONSIDER NOT INCLUDED IN INITIAL FEE (Estimated at \$5,000-\$7,500)

**Fees vary based on location and/or services donated by local community members. The below items are estimates and not a guarantee of cost.*

1. ~~Delivery: Minimum \$500.00. Cost based on location and transportation from Indiana. You can pick the device up at our Woodburn, IN manufacturing facility to waive the delivery charge. (Must be pre-scheduled)~~
2. ~~Installation: Labor and materials \$2,000-\$3,500 (location may be able to get this donated)~~
3. ~~Electrical and Alarm: hook up to internal alarm system (Internal alarm must go to 911 dispatch for use with the baby box) \$1,200~~
4. ~~Annual Alarm Service: Annual fee for monitoring \$300 annually paid by location to Alarm company~~
5. ~~Permits or other requirements prior to construction (varies)~~
6. ~~Internal Camera (optional) \$500.00. Box comes pre-installed with the Amazon Blink™ camera and requires a third party membership to activate. Location must have a Wi-Fi connection. Alternatives may apply. Please contact SHBB for more information.~~

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JOHN GARDNER

COMMISSION CHAIRMAN